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CHARACTERS & SUMMARY

SUMMARY :

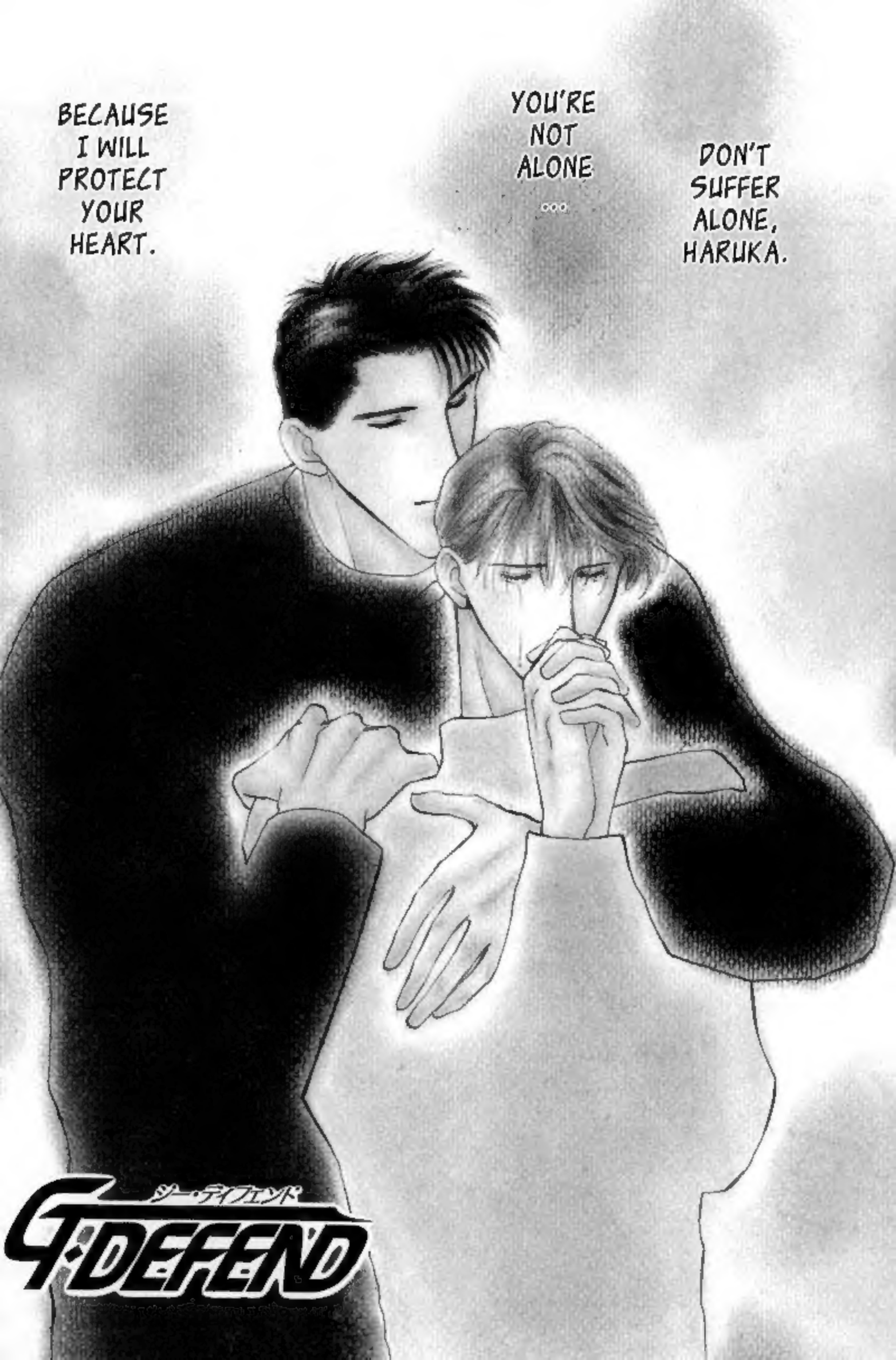
2022 AD. TO PROTECT COUNTRIES FROM POLITICAL TERRORIST ATTACKS, A NEW SECURITY GARRISON WAS ESTABLISHED 8 YEARS AGO. HOWEVER, WITH ALL THE DANGERS INVOLVED, THE INSTRUCTORS, WHO ARE THE BACKBONE OF THE GARRISON, KEPT DYING IN THE LINE OF DUTY. ONLY ISHIKAWA, THE 8TH INSTRUCTOR, WAS ABLE TO DODGE THROUGH THESE DANGERS THANKS TO IWASE, HIS ASSISTANT AND BODYGUARD, WHO FELL IN LOVE WITH HIM AND PROTECTS HIM AT THE RISK OF HIS OWN LIFE.
LOVE WITHIN THE GARRISON IS FORBIDDEN. DESPITE THAT RULE, THEY STILL FOUND A WAY TO BECOME LOVERS. BUT CONTRARY TO SINGLE-MINDED IWASE, ISHIKAWA COULDN'T BE AT EASE WITH IT.
YET, WITH THE APPEARANCE OF MARTY, A JUNIOR MEMBER IN LOVE WITH IWASE, AND A BOMB ACCIDENT THAT OCCURRED AROUND THE SAME TIME, ISHIKAWA FINALLY REALIZED HIS OWN FEELINGS AND THEY FINALLY BECAME LOVERS.
LATER, THEY HAD TO GO TO L.A. FOR TRAINING. BUT EVEN THERE THEY WERE INVOLVED IN A TERRORIST ATTACK AND IWASE LOST HIS MEMORY. WHILE HELPING IWASE TO GET AWAY FROM A TERRORIST ORGANISATION'S LAIR, ISHIKAWA TALKED ABOUT THEM BEING LOVERS AND TOLD HIM "I LOVE YOU". THOSE WORDS TRIGGERED IWASE'S MEMORY AND HE WAS FINALLY ABLE TO SAVE ISHIKAWA.

IWASE MOTOHISA
ISHIKAWA'S BODYGUARD AND ASSISTANT. HE WAS THE PRIME MINISTER'S SP BEFORE HE ASKED TO BE TRANSFERRED TO ISHIKAWA'S SIDE.

ISHIKAWA HARUKA
8TH INSTRUCTOR OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY GARRISON. HE'S GOT GREAT LEADERSHIP SKILLS BUT IS QUITE SENSITIVE.

DR. HASHIZUME
PHYSICIAN OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY GARRISON.

NISHIWAKI
TACTICAL SQUAD LEADER OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY GARRISON. HE'S ISHIKAWA AND IWASE'S BEST FRIEND.


DON'T SUFFER ALONE, HARUKA.
YOU'RE NOT ALONE ...
BECAUSE I WILL PROTECT YOUR HEART.
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YEAR 2022
TO COUNTER INCREASING POLITICAL TERRORIST ACTIVITY, A NEW NATIONAL SECURITY GARRISON WAS CREATED 8 YEARS AGO.
IN ORDER TO DESTROY THIS NEW SECURITY,
THE TERRORISTS HAVE BEEN TARGETING THE INSTRUCTOR, THE SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE GARRISON.

Bang
Bang
THEY SHOT AT THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE INSTRUCTOR!
ARE THEY ALRIGHT?
THE PRIME MINISTER'S ALRIGHT.

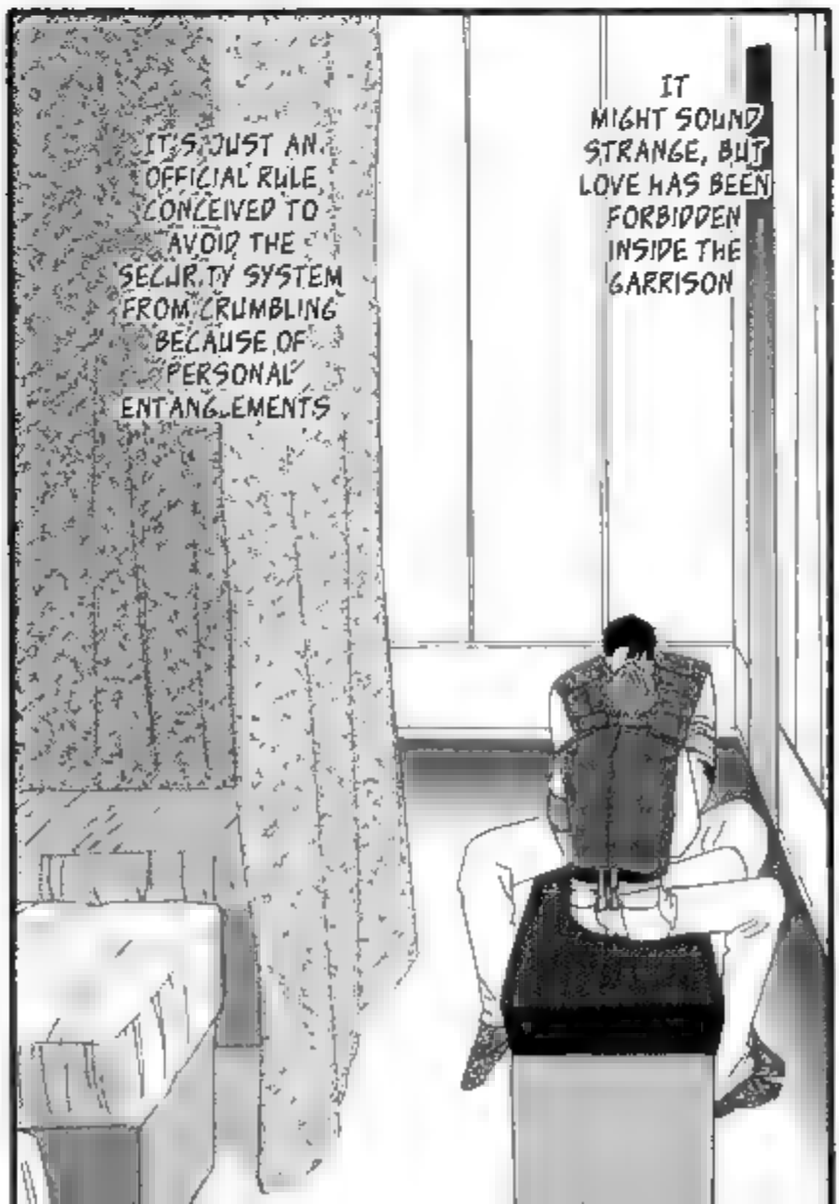
BUT BECAUSE THE NATIONAL GARRISON'S INSTRUCTORS KEPT DYING IN THE LINE OF DUTY, THE COMMITTEE SUGGESTED THAT THE INSTRUCTOR'S ASSISTANT SHOULD ALSO PLAY THE ROLE OF BODYGUARD.
WHAT, IT'S ALREADY OVER?
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING? LET GO OF ME.
clatter
clatter
INSTRUC-TOR!
I'M OKAY.

GET THE REPORTERS OUT!
EXTERNAL SECURITY SQUAD!
THE ASSISTANT AND BODYGUARD OF THE 8TH INSTRUCTOR ISHIKAWA...
IS IWASE MOTOHISA, A FORMER A-CLASS SP IN LOS ANGELES.
YES?
IWASE.
AND AFTER HAVING SLIPPED THROUGH MANY DANGEROUS SITUATIONS, THE 8TH INSTRUCTOR ISHIKAWA...
IS NOW HERE.
WE'LL TRANSPORT THE TERRORISTS LATER. FOR NOW, GET THE PRIME MINISTER OUT.
YES SIR!
BUT, YOU'RE INJURED!
Why are you acting like it's no big deal?
IT... IT'S JUST A SCRATCH!

INSTRUCTOR, I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST.
ISHIKA-WA!
IT'S ALRIGHT, IWASE CAN GO TO THE MEDICAL OFFICE ALONE.
AREN'T YOU HURT AS WELL?
IT'S JUST A SCRATCH.
PI
PI
So we're even.
Yeah yeah.
LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE'S OUT.
MEDICAL ROOM/B
BUT YOU CAN'T REACH IT, RIGHT?
IT'LL HEAL IF I LEAVE IT ALONE.
I CAN TAKE CARE OF IT ON MY OWN.
YES, BUT LET ME DO YOURS, ISHIKAWA.
CAN YOU DRESS IT ON YOUR OWN?

Yank
DON'T LOOK!
PULL
THAT'S NO GOOD.
THEN YOU AREN'T WORRIED ABOUT MY INJURES?
If we had had our winter clothes it wouldn't have happened!
BUT IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT!
MAYBE YOU FEEL BAD BECAUSE YOU THINK YOU DIDN'T MANAGE TO PROTECT ME CORRECTLY,

LET ME DRESS IT, HARUKA.
Smile
HOW CAN I NOT...
WORRY ABOUT THEM?


IT'S JUST AN OFFICIAL RULE, CONCEIVED TO AVOID THE SECURITY SYSTEM FROM CRUMBLING BECAUSE OF PERSONAL ENTANGLEMENTS
IT MIGHT SOUND STRANGE, BUT LOVE HAS BEEN FORBIDDEN INSIDE THE GARRISON

OKAY.
I'LL DO YOURS, THEN.
Ah
I'm so happy ♡

I'M DONE.
IF THE TEAM WAS TO KNOW IWASE AND I WERE IN THAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP AS WELL.
AND THE TEAM MEMBERS HAVE BEEN TOLERATING IT
Because I'm a masochist ♡
H.. doesn't hurt?
BUT WE KNOW MANY COUPLES HAVE ALREADY BEEN FORMED,
HOWEVER
WOULD THEY STILL FOLLOW US?

MY SPECIAL CURE. ♡
hehe...
I REALLY CAN'T WIN AGAINST YOU!

IS..
IS THERE REALLY A MAN ON THIS PLANET WHO COULD WIN AGAINST HIM WHEN HE'S LIKE THAT —?
Bdmp Bdmp Bdmp Bdmp
WHAT . WHAT IF SOMEONE COMES IN!
MM!
Wah!
HARUKA!
I... IDIOT, WE'RE ON DUTY!
Jump

SWS!
EXCUSE ME, DOCTOR SAKAI...
...
HEY HEY, HEY, HEY
NI... NISHIWAKI!
jump
OW...
THIS...
THIS ISN'T...

P1
P1
P1
NISHI-WAKI'S GOT GOOD INTUITION.
Sorry! didn't tell you.
I KNEW.
Eh?
INSTRUCTOR, THE TERRORIST WHO HAD TAKEN ONE OF THE REPORTERS' PLACES HAS JUST CONFESSED. HE BOUND THE REAL REPORTER AND LEFT HIM UNCONSCIOUS IN A WAREHOUSE ON THE PORT.
O... OKAY.
ISHI-KAWA ...
ABOUT THE GUN HE USED...
HE KNEW.. SINCE WHEN? DO OTHER PEOPLE ALREADY KNOW,.TOO?

YOU CAN SLAP ME UNTIL YOU FEEL BETTER!
Slap
NO, I'M TOO SCARED TO ASK
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
Thud
IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE INSTRUC-TOR?
DM/A
Dash
Pl. please wait for me, Ishikawa
Uwaa

—I DON'T REALLY UNDER-STAND IT.
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY INTEREST IN OTHER PEOPLE'S ROMANCES, DO YOU, DOCTOR?
IT'S JUST LIKE HIM TO NOT WANT OTHER PEOPLE TO KNOW
IT'S ABOUT TIME THEY CLEAR UP THIS PROBLEM.
?
I LOVE YOU THE WAY YOU ARE.
THAT'S JUST FINE.

COME TO THINK OF IT.
THERE HAVE BEEN MANY SIGNS.

AND THEY WERE MAINLY MY OWN DOING . .
WHEN WE'RE OUTSIDE OF THIS ROOM, YOU'LL STOP ALL YOUR ROMANTIC WORDS AND BEHAVIOUR!
I'LL BE CAREFUL TOO!
WHICH MEANS THEY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND AS MUCH AS N.SHIWAKI DID.
BUT THE GARRISON'S STILL FOL-LOW.NG US,
IWASE,
EH?
WHL

THE NEW MEMBERS ARE COMING, TOO, SO WE SHOULD SET A GOOD EXAMPLE.
S... SURE.
Defeated by his intensity
You got it wrong
DOES MY SMILE LOOK STUPID?
Dun
THEN IN EXCHANGE FOR THAT ...
I don't have that much confidence, though
THAT'S .. TRUE.
DON'T SMILE AT THE GARRISON SO MUCH... ESPECIALLY THE NEW MEN.

...
ONLY MY SMILE?
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL WHEN YOU SMILE.
I'D PREFER NOT TO LET ANYONE SEE IT.
LET HIM GO NOW
In fact, DON'T SHOW THEM ANY-THING.
NO.
I'M GAINING LONGER

AS I'VE SAID BEFORE, IT'S BEEN DECIDED THAT EACH OF YOU WILL GET A PERSONAL COACH.
BUT IF YOU'VE GOT QUESTIONS THAT DON'T CONCERN YOUR JOB, YOU CAN ASK ANYONE.
AS YOU CAN SEE, THERE ARE 10 NEW MEMBERS.
YOU ARE MY WHOLE LIFE

YOU WON'T ALWAYS BE THE NEW RECRUITS.
THERE WILL BE A LOT OF THINGS YOU'LL LEARN WITH PRACTICE.
THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM YOUR TRAINING SCHOOL.
Dun
I could definitely do that
IF YOU DON'T WANT YOUR SALARY CUT, YOU'D BETTER TEACH THEM SERIOUSLY.
AS FOR THE OTHERS, DON'T GO AND MAKE MISTAKES BY TRYING TO PLAY HEROES IN FRONT OF THE NEW RECRUITS.
CONSIDER THAT A SINGLE MISTAKE COULD HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE WHOLE GARRISON.
IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE, JUST DON'T DO IT TWICE.

IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA FOR THE NEW RECRUITS TO ASK THE R SENIORS WHAT KIND OF MISTAKES THEY MADE.

YOU'LL LEARN A LOT THAT WAY.

Ah ah ah a-

What!

Then maybe you should write a book

IN ANY CASE, YOU'D BETTER GET USED TO THE ATMOSPHERE QUICKLY.

THAT'S ALL. EVERYONE EXCEPT NEW RECRUITS AND COACHES MAY SCATTER.

NATSUME, YOU'RE ASSIGNED TO THE QUALITY CONTROL UNIT UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF ICHI-HARA.
MURAI, YOU'RE ASSIGNED TO THE MEDICAL UNIT UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF HOSONO.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.
WE CAN'T TELL WHO THE NEWBIE IS!
I'LL DO MY BEST!
YOU'RE QUITE ENTHUSI-ASTIC.
YES SIR!
Hah!
JOU, YOU'RE ASSIGNED TO THE COMPUTER UNIT, AND...

IWASE ..
YEAH, I KNOW.
NODA WILL GUIDE YOU.
NICE TO MEET YOU.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GUIDANCE.
HE'S BEEN WEIRD SINCE HE READ THE NEW RECRUIT LIST.
AND HE'S GOTTEN EVEN WORSE SINCE HE SAW THEM IN THE FLESH.
ONLY A FEW OF THE MEN HAVE NOTICED IT.
AS I FEARED, HE'S STILL
PLEASE, IWASE.

I'LL ENTRUST HIM TO YOU.
YOU'RE THE BEST SUPPORT HE HAS.
NISHI-WAKI..
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO TELL YOU.

HARUKA.
AH... DID YOU CALL ME?
TWIT!

WHAT'S TROUBLING YOU THIS TIME?
STOP SITTING ALONE AND WORRYING.
IWASE..
YES?
NAH... IT'S NOTHING.

THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS I DON'T KNOW ABOUT HARUKA'S PAST.
Creak
EVEN THOUGH I HAD STARTED TO FORGET ABOUT IT...
I FEEL LIKE I'M GOING TO CRUMBLE IF I TALK.
I'M GOING TO SLEEP
HA-RUKA.
AH... AAH!
Jump
IF ONLY HE COULD SHARE SOME OF HIS SUFFERING W.TH ME.
Flinch
AH...

HARUKA, IT'S ONLY A DREAM!
INSTRUCTOR!
HARU-KA.
INSTR-UCTOR JOU!
... AH ...
IT'S A DREAM.
HA HA
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
SO... RRY
I'LL... TALK.
WAS IT A NIGHT-MARE?
IWASE ..

THERE'S A GUY NAMED JOU AMONG THE NEW RECRUITS, RIGHT?
YOU KNOW HE'S THE SON OF THE 7TH INSTRUCTOR, DON'T YOU?
YES.
HE HAD REALLY COLD EYES, RIGHT?
IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT ACCIDENT.
AT THAT TIME, I WAS THE INSTRUCTOR'S ASSISTANT.
WHAT HAPPENED?
THE MAIN COMPUTER HAD ABRUPTLY CAUGHT ON FIRE...
(SFX ROAR)
SWITCH OFF THE ELECTRICITY OR IT WILL DISRUPT THE OTHERS COMPUTERS AS WELL!
IMPOSSIBLE. WE HAVE TO FIGHT THE FIRE FIRST...

INSTRUC-
TOR, THE
DOOR'S NOT
OPENING!
!
IF WE USE THE
FIRE EXTINGUISH-
ERS NOW, WE'LL
SUFFOCATE. JUST
USE THEM TO GET
TO THE EMER-
GENCY EXIT.
YES.
BEEP
INSTRUCTOR!
IT'S BAD.
THERE APPEARS
TO BE A BOMB IN
FRONT OF THE
MAIN COMPUTER
ROOM...
(SFX: BOOM)

IT WAS ALL A TERROR-IST PLOT
THIS BOMB MADE THE WALLS AND CEILING COLLAPSE.
ISHIKAWA ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
crumble
Y... YES. WHERE ARE YOU, INSTRUC-TOR?
THE FIRE WAS BLOWN OUT BY THE BLAST...
BUT I CAN'T MOVE, SO SWITCH OFF THE ELEC-TRICITY...
OKAY.
OW..
Throb
Slide
ISHIKA-WA...
cough
ON
OFF
click
click
click

ISHIKA-WA!
BRING A STRET-CHER, QUICKLY!
THIS IS HORRIBLE ...
WHERE ARE YOU?
INSTRUC-TOR!
INSTRUC-TOR!!
NEVER MIND ME. GO FIND THE INSTRUCTOR AND THE OTHERS.
I'M OKAY.
YOUR LEG!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT ...?
... INSTRU... CTOR...!!

ugh...
HARUKA!
YOU CAN STOP IF IT'S TOO DIFFICULT.
I'M... I'M ALRIGHT
I'M ALMOST FINISHED.
BUT I ALREADY KNOW!
INSTRUCTOR JOU... WAS KILLED THEN, RIGHT?
AH...

BACK THEN ...
HE... HE WAS CRUSHED BY THE WALLS AND CEILING ...
AND... THE BOMB BLAST. . HAD TORN HIM... UP .
... BUT .
HARU-KA.
B... BUT .
I... I DID HEAR THAT ORDER.
ALTHOUGH HE SHOULD HAVE ALREADY BEEN DEAD, THE INSTRUC-TOR WAS... UNTIL... UNTIL THE END...
IS MAKING ME UNEASY AGAIN.
THIS MEMORY THAT I HAD UNCONSCIOUSLY ERASED FROM MY MIND...!
ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT THE GARRISON ...

SORRY, I WASE..
I DIDN'T MEAN TO CRY ...
IT'S OKAY, TAKE IT EASY.
I...
EVEN THOUGH I WAS NEAR HIM...
YOU COULDN'T HELP HIM! YOU WERE ALREADY DOING ALL YOU COULD.
I... WAS..
THIS IS NOT YOUR FAULT!!

NOBODY COULD HAVE SAVED THE INSTRUCTOR IN THAT SITUATION.
BUT, IWASE ...
DURING INSTRUC-TOR JOU'S FUNERAL, THOSE EYES!
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE ONE OF THE CANDIDATES TO BECOME THE NEXT INSTRUC-TOR, ISHIKAWA.

SOMEDAY, I'LL FORCE YOU DOWN FROM THAT POSITION.
THOSE EYES HAVE STILL NOT FORGIVEN ME.
HEY...
IT'S ALRIGHT, NISHIWAKI.
JUST WHAT I EXPECTED FROM SOMEONE WHO WATCHED THE GUY IN YOUR WAY DIE...
WITHOUT MOVING AN INCH.

THERE WERE ALSO HORRIBLE RUMORS ABOUT ME GOING AROUND BACK THEN.
I LEAVE THE INSTRUCTOR TO YOU, BUT IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, LET ME KNOW.
THAT'S WHY...
HORRIBLE RUMORS?
SAYING THAT I HAD LET THE INSTRUCTOR DIE.
NISHI-WAKI
BACK THEN, I WAS TROUBLED BY THEM, BUT NISHIWAKI WAS THERE FOR ME.

I LIKED INSTRUCTOR JOU'S WAY OF DOING THINGS.
HE WAS GOOD AT BEING LENIENT OR STRICT, DEPENDING ON THE PERSON.
HE WAS PLENTY ABLE, BUT I DECIDED THEN THAT I'D PROTECT HIM FROM THOSE WHO DIDN'T LIKE HIS EXTRAORDINARY SUCCESS.
IF NOT, HIS SENSITIVITY WOULD HAVE DONE HIM IN.
THE ONE WHO WAS INFLUENCED BY HIM THE MOST WAS THE INSTRUCTOR.
SO THAT'S WHY NISHIWAKI WAS ALWAYS WATCHING OVER HARUKA.
SO, WHEN IT WAS DECIDED HE WOULD BECOME THE NEW INSTRUCTOR, HE CONTINUED INSTRUCTOR JOU'S WAYS.

NOW IT'S MY TURN TO PROTECT H.M.
BECAUSE HE WILL WANT TO TAKE RESPON-S.B.LITY FOR A PAST HE HAD JUST STARTED TO FORGET
THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE AROUND YOU WHO NEED YOU AND WANT TO PROTECT YOU.
YOU AREN'T ALONE.
IWASE ...
YOUR SUFFERING IS THE WHOLE GARRISON'S SUFFERING.

REALLY?
IT'S NO ONE'S FAULT.
NOBODY HAS THE RIGHT TO BLAME YOU.

YES.

WILL JOU... ACKNOWLEDGE ME AS THE INSTRUCTOR?
OF COURSE HE WILL.

MM!
Haa
Haa
JOU WILL DEFINITELY UNDER-STAND.
LET'S DO OUR BEST, HARUKA.

HARUKA.
I'LL WORK HARD UNTIL HE FORGIVES ME. .
HE'S RIGHT
I CAN'T KEEP ON HAVING REGRETS
JUST THINK ABOUT ME, RIGHT NOW.
YEAH ..
THANK YOU, IWASE

I'VE REALLY CHANGED SINCE I MET YOU
IWASE ...
DON'T ..

?!
AH...
WAIT...
I...
IWASE?
YOU'RE STILL THINKING, AREN'T YOU?
I... IDIOT.
HA... AA..
I LOVE YOU, HARUKA.
AAH!

HARUKA.
YOU'RE NOT ALONE

Nishizaki and
Dr. Hashizume
Maybe those two have been attracted to each other since their first meeting.....
But in the end, they could never use words like "I like you" or "I love you" in "Beauty and the Beast" (I haven't let them use them.) For some reason, those lines don't suit them. Instead, Nishizaki would just say something like "That's because I love you, Doctor" in some mundane conversation, and that would work just fine. I don't want to see Nishizaki changing it to "I love you." I can't imagine it. (For those who can, sorry.)
To put it simply, you'd better not expect lovey-dovey scenes with them. You might think Nishizaki's a cold guy, but that's some thing the Doctor loves a lot about him.
Then again, he's only being unreasonable with the Doctor. And he can also act like a spoiled child while making this face..... (He's doing it here.)

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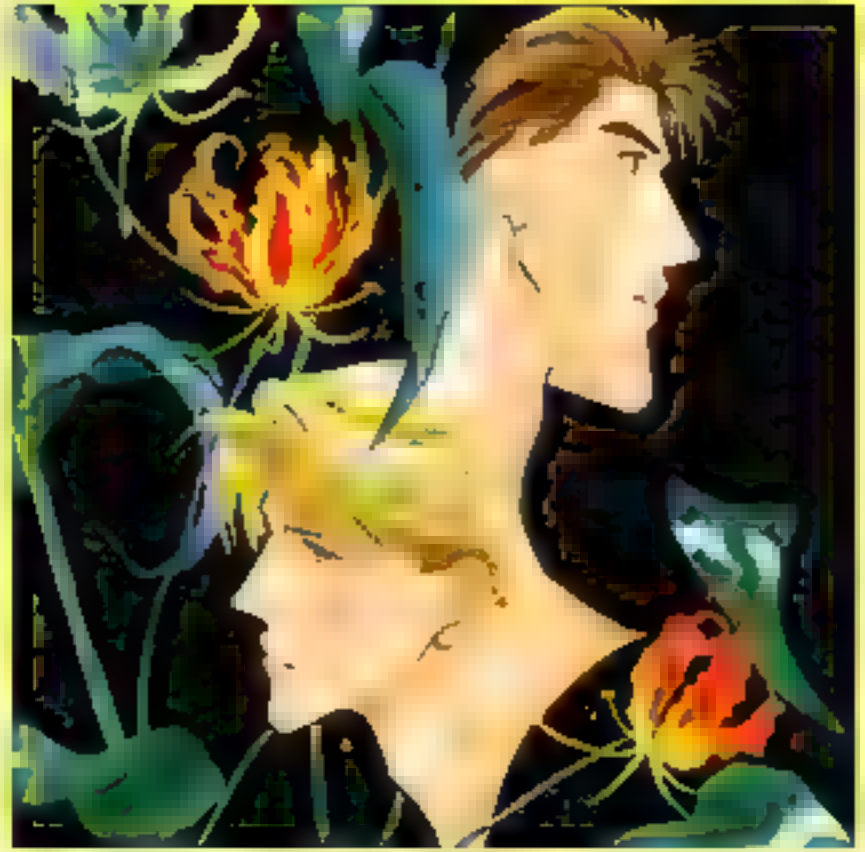


CANTEEN
I THOUGHT HE HAD ALREADY FORGOTTEN...
HEAD OF THE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, ALEC SAKAMOTO
SO THAT'S THE REASON WHY THE INSTRUCTOR WASN'T FEELING GOOD?
CHIEF COOK, KISHITANI
HE'S THE TYPE TO LET HIS TROUBLES AFFECT HIS HEALTH.
HE'S SENSITIVE, UNLIKE US.
you don't have to be the instructor to be depressed by them.
YOU MUST HAVE NOTICED JOU'S EYES TOO, KISHITANI.

GOOD EVENING. YOU'RE ON NIGHT DUTY TOO, ALEC?
Say is there any more of this mousse left?
YEAH...
THE ATMOSPHERE IS PRETTY CHARGED.
I DIDN'T MAKE IT FOR THAT.
THAT WAS ONLY A TEST.
what?
THEN PLEASE PUT IT ON THE MENU.
I SEE, IS THAT WHAT IT IS?
I'm going to bed now.
NO, I WAS WORKING OVER-TIME.
THAT'S RIGHT, NOW GET OUT OF HERE.
?
YOU CAN TAKE YOUR TIME...
THEN I'll TAKE MY LEAVE.
GUESS
Nah, it's too hot in here
DON'T STOP HIM, IKEGAMI.
Flip Flap
I FEEL SO LONELY.
PI

IT'S THANKS TO YOUR TEACH-ING.
HE'S A QUICK LEARNER, HE'S A GREAT HELP.
HOW'S NATSUME?

ICHI-HARA.

NEXT ONE'S JOU.
Last year's were terrible
THE NEW RECRUITS SEEM PRETTY EXCEL-LENT.

Pat

NODA.
INSTRUC-
TOR.
HOW'S IT GOING WITH YOU?
SIR.

I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK THEY HAVE NO SENSE OF SELF-INITIATIVE.
I WAS FREE FOR THE WHOLE DAY YESTERDAY, AND HONESTLY, I WAS APPALLED BY HOW RELAXED THE MEN ARE.
HE'S SERIOUS, AND SO EASY TO WORK WITH THAT I DON'T HAVE MUCH TO DO.
I SEE.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, JOU?
BUT THE INSTRUCTOR BEING WHO HE IS, I SUPPOSE IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
YOU ...
IWASE,
THANK YOU FOR YOUR VALUABLE OPINION. PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR WORK.

THE INSTRUC-TOR BEING WHO HE IS...
ISHI-KAWA.
HUH?
THE CAN-TEEN IS THIS WAY.
AH... RIGHT
clack clack clack clack
AFTER SPEAKING TO JOU TODAY, YOU'VE BEEN ABSORBED IN STRANGE THOUGHTS, HAVEN'T YOU?
IT DIDN'T.
THAT REALLY DID UPSET YOU.

YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW A DAMN THING ABOUT THIS PLACE YET.
SAYING SUCH A THING TO THE INSTRUC-TOR!
WHAT'S YOUR GOAL!?
INSTRUC-TOR.
STOP THAT.
JOU,
I DON'T CARE IF YOU HATE ME, BUT DON'T DISTURB THE GARRISON.
HE HATES YOU?
YOU ONLY SEE HIS GOOD SIDE, AND THAT'S WHY YOU WORSHIP HIM.
Grab
YOU, WHAT CAN YOU KNOW ...
HEY! DROP IT!

SHOULD YOU?
IF YOU TELL THEM...
ESTEEMED INSTRUC-TOR, SIR.
chatter
SHOULD I TELL THEM?
YOU'LL ONLY TURN EVERY MAN IN THE GARRISON AGAINST YOU.

shouldn't have
ERR, I ASKED SOME-THING I...
AH...

No need to butt in
SMOOTH HELP THERE
Thank you
Don't mention it

NO, IT'S AL-RIGHT . .
BUT DON'T GET ANGRY OVER THINGS LIKE THAT AGAIN.
YES, SIR.
Relief

THE WHOLE INCIDENT WASN'T AIMED AT HIM PERSONALLY, RIGHT?
I HEARD ABOUT MY DAD'S DEATH WHEN I WAS STUDYING ABROAD .N ENGLAND,
I HEARD THAT HIS ASSISTANT, ISHIKAWA, WAS THE ONLY ONE WITH MINOR INJURIES.
AND WHEN I CAME HOME, I LEARNED THE TRUTH .
DOESN'T IT LOOK LIKE HE DID THAT TO GET RID OF HIS RIVALS?
TO BECOME HIS ASSISTANT SO YOUNG... WHAT'S MORE, I HEARD HE'S A CANDIDATE TO BECOME THE NEXT INSTRUCTOR?
I FEEL SORRY FOR INSTRUCTOR JOU, TOO.

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
AH... YEAH.

THAT MEANS THAT THE GREATEST OBSTACLE WAS...
ISHI-KAWA!

LOOK AT THAT. WHAT AN AMAZING ACT, FISHING FOR SYMPA-THY.
MY GRIEF DISAP-PEARED AND TURNED INTO HATE.
ISHI-KAWA...

I'LL KNOCK YOU OFF YOUR PED-ESTAL.
I WON'T FORGIVE YOUR CRIMES.
I WON'T RECOGNIZE YOU AS THE INSTRUCTOR

IS IT THAT BAD?
LOOKS LIKE HE'S BEEN NICE WITH THE REST OF THE CREW.
YEAH.
MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT HIM HE DOESN'T LIKE?
IKEGAMI, DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THAT NEW GUY, JOU? THEY SAID HE WAS AT ODDS WITH THE INSTRUCTOR.
OF COURSE HE WON'T.
I'M SURE JOU WILL UNDER-STAND
WHAT THE INSTRUCTOR WAS FEELING WHEN HE TRAINED THIS GARRISON.
HE WON'T EVEN ANSWER WHEN HE CALLS HIM.
BUT HE ONLY FINDS FAULT WHEN IT'S SOME-THING THE INSTRUCTOR SAYS.
THE INSTRUCTOR WON'T LOSE TO HIM.
There, there.
He got angry just talking about it
CALM DOWN, MOTOK.
IF IT WERE ME, I'D SHOOT HIM FULL OF HOLES ...
Damn it

GOOD MORN-ING, IN-STRUC-TOR.
GOOD MORN-ING.
IT'S GETTING TOUGH FOR H.M
FORCING HIMSELF TO SMILE
IWASE.
THAT GUY.
He's imagining slapping him 3000 times.
GIVE IT A BREAK.

EVEN IF HE PUTS ON A CHEERFUL FACE,
HE MUST BE IN TATTERS INSIDE.
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO TRY TO FORGET THAT INCIDENT.
BUT HE'LL RUIN HIS HEALTH IF HE KEEPS ON BLAMING HIMSELF
NODA.
I'M BORROWING YOU FOR A WHILE.

I WANT TO HEAR YOUR IDEALISTIC THEORIES.
WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS GARRISON SHOULD DO?
I'LL GIVE HIM BACK SOON.
S... SURE.
IDLE CHATTER SHOULD BE FORBIDDEN WHILE WE EXECUTE OUR DUTIES. WE SHOULD BE GIVEN PUNISHMENTS FOR EVEN THE SMALLEST MISTAKES, AND WE SHOULD HAVE PERMANENT DUTIES.
Ha ha ha
ALL THE MEN DO NOW IS SLACK OFF.
SOUNDS LIKE A STRICT ARMY FROM THE OLD DAYS.
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

DIDN'T IT OCCUR TO YOU THAT INSULTING INSTRUCTOR ISHIKAWA IS LIKE INSULTING YOUR OWN FATHER?
MY FATHER WAS THE TRUE INSTRUCTOR!
IT'S NOT!
I THINK YOU'LL GROW TO UNDER-STAND WHEN YOU STAY WITH US FOR A WHILE.
UNDER-STAND WHAT?
JUST TELLING HIM IS USELESS, I GUESS
THE REAL WORTH OF OUR INSTRUCTOR AND CREW.

I'M GOING TO BUY SOMETHING TO DRINK, YOU STAY HERE.
OKAY.
TAP TAP
IN-STRUC-TOR?
MY STOMACH HURTS
IT WAS FEELING BETTER FOR A WHILE, THOUGH.
ARE YOU FEELING SICK?
NO...
YOU'RE REALLY PALE.
IS THERE MAYBE SOMETHING ON YOUR CONSCIENCE?
YOUR BODY'S HONEST ABOUT IT.

EVEN IF YOU WON'T SAY ANYTHING, THERE ARE PLENTY OF MEDDLERS WHO DO IT FOR YOU.
AREN'T YOU LUCKY.
JUST LETTING THE OTHERS CONQUER ME WITHOUT MOVING A MUSCLE YOURSELF,
YOU REALLY ARE FILTHY THROUGH AND THROUGH.
YOU?
I'LL TELL YOU HOW TO MAKE EVERYTHING SIMPLER.
RESIGN.

YOU MURDERER.
IF YOU DON'T,
I WON'T EVER FORGIVE YOU.
JOU!!
WHAT ARE YOU WHISPERING TO HIM!?
BUT...
WAIT A..
IT'S NOTHING, IWASE!
JUST LET HIM GO.

HOW CAN I...
MAKE THOSE EYES FORGIVE ME?
HOW CAN I MAKE HIM ACKNOWLEDGE THIS GARRI-SON?
ISHI-KAWA.
THANK YOU.

DON'T GIVE UP, ISHIKAWA.
Hug
Turn
Sst
WHEN WE'RE OUTSIDE OF THIS ROOM, YOU'LL STOP ALL YOUR ROMANTIC WORDS AND BEHAVIOR!
BUT IT D.D CALM ME DOWN, JUST NOW...
RIGHT, IWASE'S BEEN ADHERING TO WHAT I SAID BACK THEN
THAT MUCH SHOULD BE OKAY, RIGHT?
Clack
EXCUSE ME.

A FEW DAYS LATER, THE SITUATION HAD GONE FROM BAD TO WORSE

YOU'RE JOU, RIGHT?

SO LONG AS IT'S JUST THAT.

THANK YOU, IWASE.

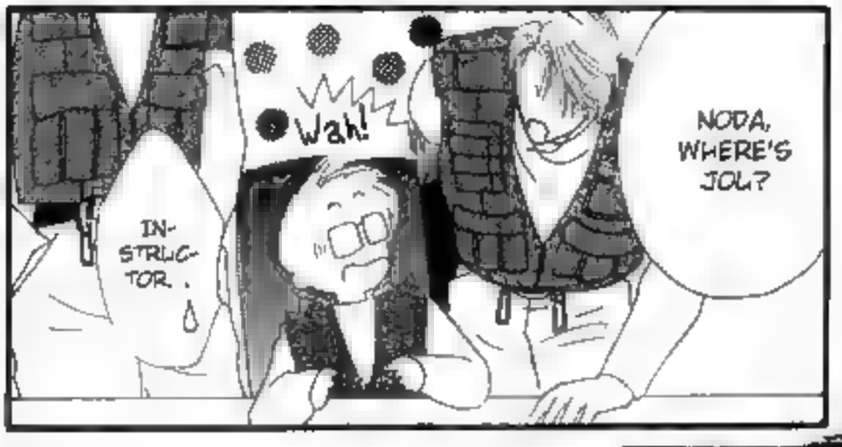
IT'S OKAY.

That's why this-

IT'S NOT FAIR TO BLAME IT ON THE INSTRUCTOR!
BUT IT WAS AN ACCIDENT, RIGHT?
I HEARD THE REASON WHY YOU'RE HOLDING A GRUDGE.
What's going on?
CALM DOWN, MOTOKI.
I don't understand the situation but.
YOU JERK!
WAIT!
Even I want to slap him.
THEN I'D LIKE TO RETURN TO WORK, SIR.
IS THAT ALL YOU WANTED TO SAY?
WHAT'S SO FUNNY!
Ha ha

What!?

THIS GARRISON'S JUST A HERD OF INSTRUCTOR ISHIKAWA'S SYMPATHIZERS.
OF COURSE.


Wah!
IN-STRUC-TOR.
NODA, WHERE'S JOU?

Wa---!
TOO LATE.
MOTOKI DID WHAT?

(SFX SLAM)

STOP THAT!
DON'T JUST ADMIRE HIM.
Oh...
Fighting off ten oppo-nents
THAT JOU IS PRETTY STRONG.

Motoki—
Let's step back
Drag
IWA...

THEY CAN'T HEAR ME?
ISHIKAWA, PLEASE STAY HERE.
It's dangerous

WE TOLD YOU TO STOP.
NO, TODAY HE'S GONNA ...
Lift
HUH?
(SFX THUD)
(SFX SLAM)
I'LL BACK YOU UP
Let me go!
Uwah!
THANKS.

slam
THIS HAS TO STOP, MOTOKI!
BASTARD!
JOU, YOU TOO...
YOU WON'T MAKE IT BETTER FOR THE INSTRUCTOR BY DOING THIS.
your left arm's not completely healed is it?
YEAH
YOU'RE STILL UNDER-GOING TREAT-MENT.

JOU?
DON'T HIT HIM.
IWASE.
FWSH
ARE YOU JUST GOING TO DODGE?

(SFX WHACK)

(SFX SLAM)
!
WHAT
HE'S JUST RECEIVED A DIRECT BLOW, AND YET..
DO YOU REALLY WANT TO MAKE ME ANGRY?
STOP IT!!
(SFX FWSH)

Sigh.
THERE WON'T BE A NEXT TIME.
DIET GARRISON
IT'S DANGEROUS TO MAKE THAT GUY MAD, JOU DEAR.
Scary
THE REST OF YOU GET BACK TO WORK.
THOSE WHO ARE HURT ARE TO REPORT TO THE INFIRMARY.

IT'LL BE ALRIGHT.
...
I WANT TO SPEAK WITH JOU ALONE.
... IWASE.
MOTOKI AND THE REST OF YOU, NEXT TIME YOUR PAY WILL BE CUT.
YES, SIR!
MEDICAL ROOM/B
DOCTOR SAKAI.
IF MOTOKI HAD KEPT GETTING PUMMELED, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN QUITE THE HANDSOME MAN EVEN WITHOUT PLASTIC SURGERY.
Doctooor
NO ONE GOT SERIOUSLY HURT. SOME BRUISES, A FEW CUT LIPS, AND NOSEBLEEDS IS ALL.

WE'RE REALLY SORRY!
JOU,
COME WITH ME.
Pat
MOTOK!! WHY ONLY YOU—
Wah!
WILL YOU STOP!?
Kya!
Fwsh
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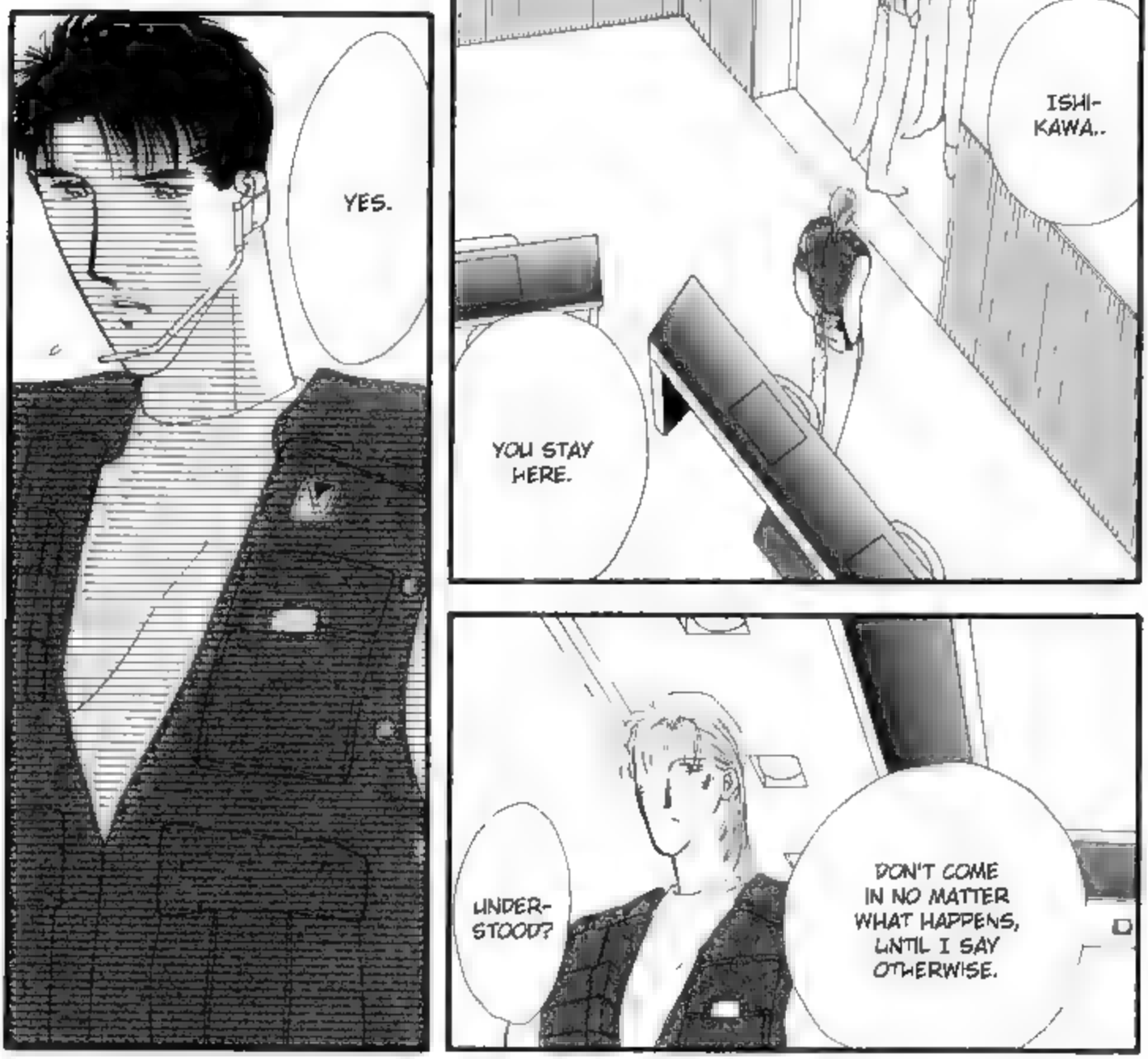

ISHI-
KAWA..
YOU STAY
HERE.
YES.
DON'T COME
IN NO MATTER
WHAT HAPPENS,
UNTIL I SAY
OTHERWISE.
UNDER-
STOOD?
PUSH

WE CAN'T BE HEARD FROM OUTSIDE.
TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO SAY.

I DON'T MIND IF YOU BLAME ME.
YOU CAN BLAME ME ALL YOU WANT.
I COULDN'T PROTECT YOUR FATHER, THAT'S THE TRUTH.
I BEAR RESPONSIBILITY TOO.
BUT SINCE YOU'VE TAKEN THIS JOB...

THE GARRISON IS WILLING TO TRUST AND FOLLOW EVEN SOMEONE LIKE ME.

AND BECAUSE I'M THE INSTRUCTOR, YOU'LL HAVE TO LISTEN TO WHAT I SAY.

IF YOU HAVE ANY COMPLAINTS, EXPRESS THEM TO ME ONLY WHEN WE'RE ALONE.
YOU'LL ONLY DISRUPT OUR TEAMWORK.
SO WHEN YOU'RE CRITICIZING ME, YOU'RE CRITICIZ-ING THE WHOLE GARRISON, TOO.

THEN I'LL GO AHEAD AND TELL YOU.

WHEN I ATTACKED IWASE BACK THEN, I UNDERSTOOD ...
THAT THE REASON WHY YOU'VE BEEN ABLE TO GO ON BEING THE INSTRUCTOR... IS BECAUSE YOU HAVE THAT EXCELLENT SP.
THAT'S RIGHT.
IF IWASE HADN'T BEEN THERE, I WOULD PROBABLY HAVE ALREADY BEEN KILLED ON THE JOB.
IF MY DAD HAD HAD AN ASSISTANT LIKE THAT, TOO, HE WOULD HAVE GOTTEN AWAY ALIVE.

HE WAS MY GOAL. SOMEDAY I WANTED TO WORK AS HIS EQUAL.
I... RESPECTED MY FATHER.
THAT'S . . . TRUE.
HE WAS MY ONLY FAMILY.
IT WAS ALWAYS THE TWO OF US, EVER SINCE MY MOTHER DIED WHEN I WAS 7.
HE WAS A GREAT MAN.
AND YET YOU...

BROUGHT ME AND MY TWO BROTHERS UP ON H.S OWN.
HE'S... THE SAME AS ME?
MY DAD WAS A COUNCILOR, AND HE ALSO...
BUT HE WAS KILLED BY TERRORISTS WHEN I WAS IN COLLEGE.
HE WAS A KIND MAN WHOM I RE-SPECTED.
JOU'S STILL FEELING THE SAME WAY I DID BACK THEN..?
BECAUSE OF THAT, I BLAMED THE POLICE WHO LET MY FATHER DIE.
THE ONE WHO TOOK CARE OF ME WAS INSTRUC-TOR JOU,
AND ..
BUT ..
WHEN I JOINED THE GARRISON, I DIDN'T TRUST ANYONE.

THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GARRISON
JOU...
PLEASE BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY THAT I RESPECTED INSTRUCTOR JOU.
I ALSO KNOW FULL WELL WHAT A GREAT PERSON HE WAS.
THAT'S WHY I TOOK OVER HIS WAY OF DOING THINGS.
SO... PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE WHAT HE LEFT BEHIND... ACKNOWLEDGE THIS GARRISON!

IS THAT HOW...
YOU DECEIVE EVERYONE?
TH.S GUY. .
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER... IF I HAD DIED.
LOOK AT THE EXPRESSION IN HIS EYES

THIS WOULD BE THE GREATEST HUMILIATION FOR YOU, RIGHT?
!?
THEN THIS WILL BE YOUR PUNISHMENT.
Thud
JOU!?
YOU WANT ME TO ACKNOWLEDGE IT, DON'T YOU?
Rio
Ah!
WH... AT...
I HAVE SOME EXPERIENCE WITH MEN.
I'M SAYING THAT I'LL ACKNOWLEDGE YOU...
IF YOU LET ME DO THIS ONCE IN A WHILE.
JOU...

GET OFF ME!
(SPK ZZZZZT)
AH!
UGH...
S... ORRY.
haa haa
A STUN GUN?
!?

DON'T COME IN NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS.
JUST NOW I HEARD SOME-TH.NG
IF I LET YOU DO THIS...
I WON'T BE WORTH ACKNOWL-EDGING, DON'T YOU THINK?
Haa...
I HAD NEVER NOTICED IT TIL NOW....
BUT EVEN FROM A GUY'S POINT OF VIEW, HE'S REALLY...

ISHI-
KAWA.
FWSH
IS YOUR HAND... ALRIGHT?
IWASE ...

IWASE!!
IWASE, WAIT!
(SFX SLAM)

(SFX THUD)
IWASE!

IT'S ALRIGHT NOW, JUST DROP IT!
IT WAS MY FAULT.
IT'S NOT ALRIGHT! LET ME GO!
DON'T STOP ME!
NOTH-ING!?
BUT IT'S NOTHING!
DON'T COVER UP FOR A GUY LIKE HIM.
Cough

I...
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU!
Ah.
OH NO, I DIDN'T MEAN_.

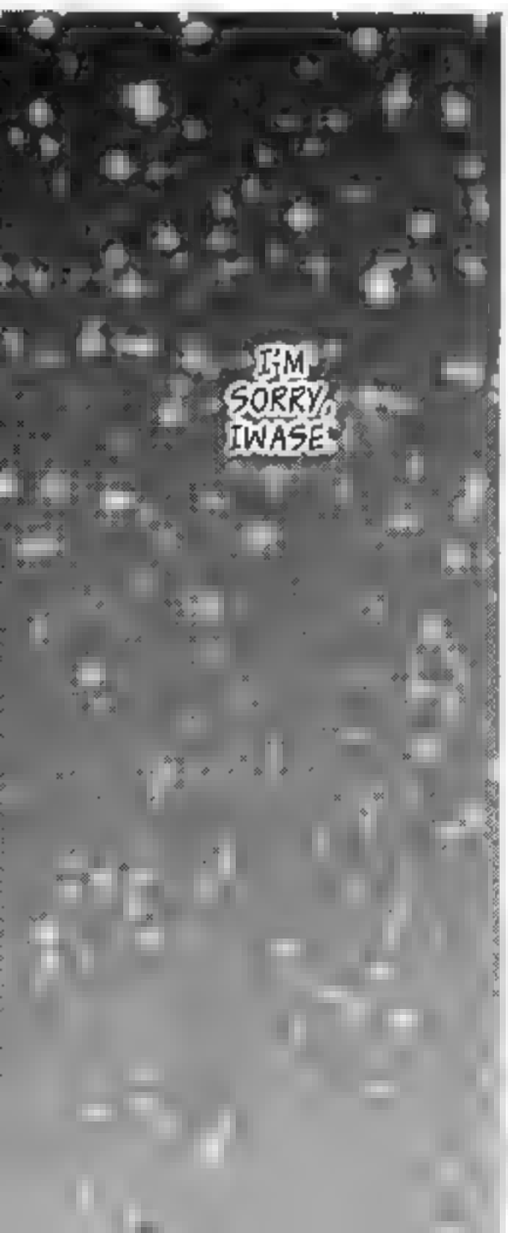
IT'S TRUE
THIS HAS NOTHING ...TO DO WITH ME?
THAT I MAY NOT KNOW HOW HARUKA FELT DURING THAT ACCIDENT, OR HOW HE TRAINED THE GARRISON FROM THEN ON, BUT
splish

I DIDN'T WANT TO SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU!
I UPSET H.M
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY TO TAKE THOSE WORDS BACK. AND I HURT HIM
I'M HORRIBLE
THIS TIME, EVEN IF I MAKE AMENDS, IWASE WON'T FORGIVE ME.

I THOUGHT I COULD CONVINCE YOU, TOO.
I HAD THE CONFIDENCE THAT IF I TALKED TO H.M AS AN EQUAL, HE WOULD UNDERSTAND JUST A LITTLE.
I DIDN'T REALLY EXPECT HIM TO FORGIVE ME...
BUT I WANTED HIM TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE GARRISON
THAT I AM THE INSTRUCTOR NOW.
BUT...
YOU WANT ME TO ACKNOWLEDGE IT, DON'T YOU?
I ACCOMPLISHED NOTHING

...

MY CONFI-
DENCE HAS
CRUMBLED.
IWASE.
Fwsh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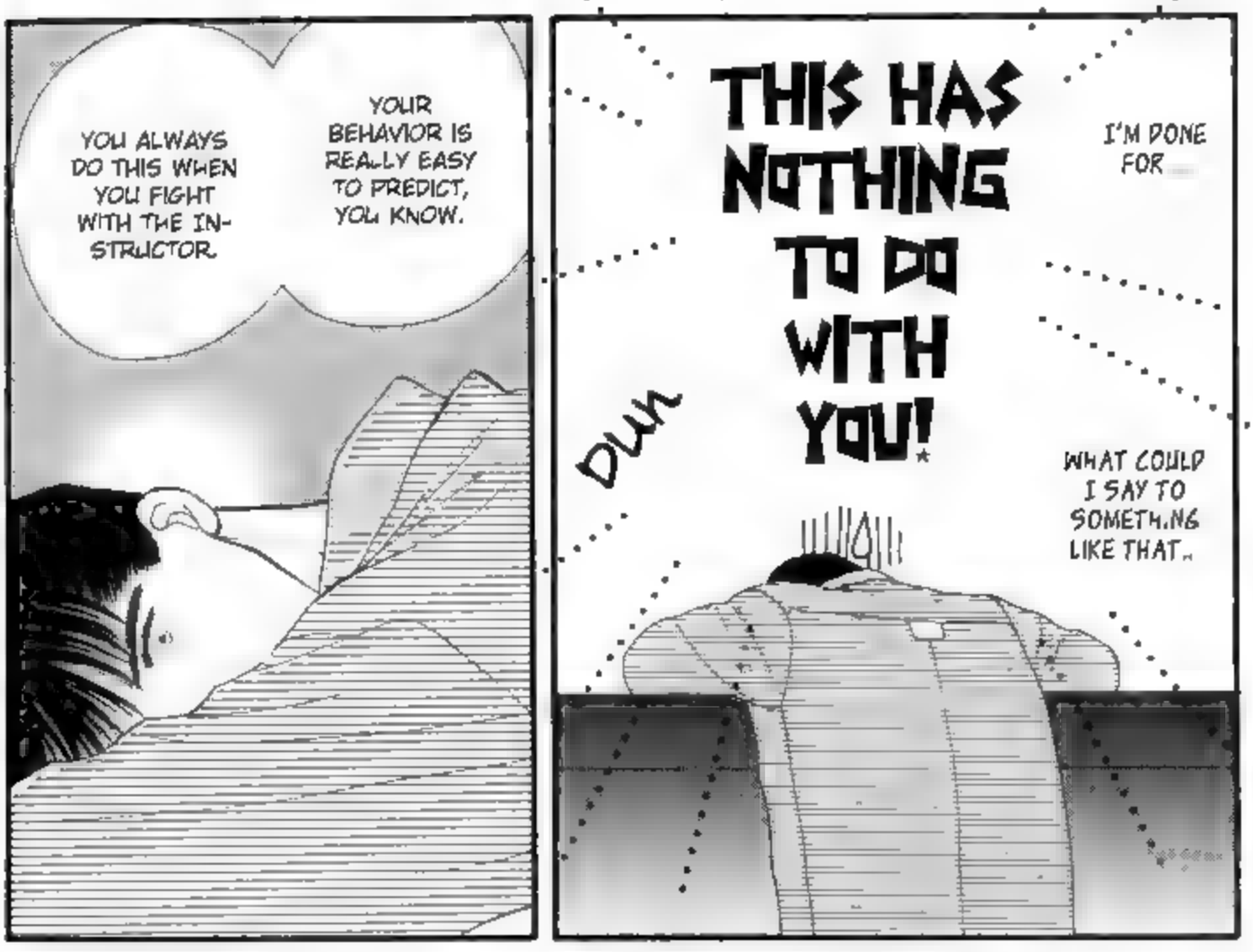
IWASE.

IWASE
HATES
ME NOW,
TOO
THIS IS
HORRIBLE.
WHAT
ELSE WOULD I
EXPECT, WITH
SOMEONE LIKE
ME...

BACK THEN... MY TEMPER WAS OUT OF CONTROL, AND ALL THAT WAS LEFT WAS THE ANGER AND THE DESIRE TO KNOCK H.M DOWN.
Haa
I WOULD HAVE MESSED H.M UP AND MADE H.M CRY.
IF I HAD STAYED IN THE ROOM... MY JEALOUSY WOULD HAVE MADE ME TAKE HARUKA BY FORCE.

...

BUT FOR ME, THAT WAS DEFI- NITELY NOT "NOTHING".
IF HARUKA HADN'T STOPPED ME, I MIGHT HAVE KILLED HIM.


YOU ALWAYS DO THIS WHEN YOU FIGHT WITH THE INSTRUCTOR.
YOUR BEHAVIOR IS REALLY EASY TO PREDICT, YOU KNOW.
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU!
DUH
I'M DONE FOR...
WHAT COULD I SAY TO SOMETHING LIKE THAT..

SO IT WAS JOU, EH.
HE'S ANOTHER IDIOT.

Come with me
WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO A MIDNIGHT SNACK?

IT WASN'T ISHIKAWA'S RESPONSIBILITY, RIGHT?
INSTRUCTOR JOU DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

IKEGAMI, YOU WERE A NEW RECRUIT BACK THEN, RIGHT?
YEAH.
THE TECHNOLOGY WASN'T AS ADVANCED AS IT IS NOW, EITHER.

BACK THEN, IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE SECURITY SYSTEM HAD TO BE LARGELY REFORMED...
AND THE GARRISON HAD FINALLY TAKEN ON MORE PEOPLE.

COMPARED TO NOW, TURMOIL FROM TERRORIST BOMBINGS HAPPENED MORE OFTEN ...
THE GARRISON MEN WERE ALWAYS HAUNTED BY THE MEMORIES OF THOSE INCIDENTS.

THAT ACCIDENT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN AVOIDED.
IT FELT LIKE THERE WERE TWO INSTRUC-TORS.
ISHIKAWA COORDINATED THE GARRISON TO ASSIST INSTRUCTOR JOU, WHO WAS ALWAYS IN A RUSH.
THE IN-STRUCTOR DIDN'T HAVE A SP BACK THEN.
THE BOMBS KEPT GOING OFF SO QUICKLY.
AND IN THAT SITUATION, ISHIKAWA...
YOU'RE LYING!
DON'T LOOK, ISHIKA-WA!
IN-STRUC-TOR JOU!!

AFTER THAT, HE WAS SILENT FOR A WHILE...
BUT WHEN HE FINALLY STARTED SPEAKING AGAIN,
IT WAS ONLY TO BLAME HIMSELF.
ISHI-KAWA!
WHY DID YOU...
YOU... YOU MUST BE LYING!
HE TALKED TO ME JUST NOW!
WHY?!
IN-STRUC-TOR JOU!!

EVEN THOUGH I WAS RIGHT BY HIM...
I COULDN'T DO A SINGLE THING.
IF ONLY I COULD TAKE HIS PLACE...
I DON'T WANT TO SEE PEOPLE BEING SACRIFICED ANYMORE.
HE KEPT REPEATING IT.
OF COURSE, HE DIDN'T NEED TO TAKE ALL THE RESPONSIBILITY ON HIMSELF.
IT WAS THE WHOLE GARRISON'S RESPONSIBILITY. NOBODY HAD BEEN ABLE TO PREVENT THAT ACCIDENT.
TO ADD TO HIS BAD LUCK, JOU TOLD HIM THAT HE HELD HIM RESPONSIBLE FOR IT.
HE HAD EVEN DEVELOPED STOMACH INFLAMMATION BY THE DAY OF THE FUNERALS.

BUT SOME GUYS STARTED TO SAY THAT IT WAS BECAUSE WE HAD LEFT THE INSTRUCTOR BEHIND AND RUN AWAY
AND YOU ONLY HEARD THOSE LOUSY RUMORS.
THE FACT THAT ISHIKAWA GOT OFF WITH RELATIVELY MINOR INJURIES WAS JUST LUCK...
BUT THANKS TO ONE PERSON'S LEADERSHIP, THE WHOLE BUSINESS WAS RESOLVED WITHOUT ANYONE BEING INJURED.
BEFORE THE NEXT INSTRUCTOR WAS CHOSEN, A TERRORIST ATTACK OCCURRED IN THE CONGRESS BUILDING WHERE A CONFERENCE WAS GOING ON.
NISHIWAKI WAS ONE, TOO.
THERE WERE A FEW PEOPLE WHO WERE NOMINATED TO BECOME INSTRUCTOR.
Really?

I knew it he's so cool
THAT'S HOW HE WAS APPOINTED THE NEXT INSTRUCTOR.
AND THAT WAS... ISHIKAWA?
THAT'S RIGHT.
HE SAID THAT HE WAS ALREADY ISSUING ORDERS BEFORE HE REALIZED IT.
IT GAVE KISHITANI LESS WORK.
HE WAS ALREADY SCOLDING THOSE PICKY EATERS WHO LEFT THINGS ON THEIR PLATES.
SAYING THAT HE HAD TO DO HIS BEST, FOR INSTRUCTOR JOU'S SAKE AS WELL.
Just around the time came here
AT THAT POINT, HE HAD PRETTY MUCH GATHERED HIMSELF UP...
The both of you
THAT'S HOW YOU BECAME SO CLOSE, RIGHT.
I'M NOT SO PICKY NOW, THANKS TO HIM.
IKEGAMI WAS FUSSY ABOUT HIS FOOD, SO KISHITANI OFTEN YELLED AT HIM.
Munch Munch
Oh

LET'S GO OVER THERE.
YOU THINK SO TOO? I WAS COMPLETELY DECEIVED.
HE LOOKS SO INNOCENT, BUT HE'S ACTUALLY PRETTY BOLD, ISN'T HE.
ooh!
FOR YOUR INFORMATION, IT WAS IKEGAMI WHO FIRST CAME ON TO ME.
well well
KISHI-TANI!
SFX CLACK
SO WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?
AH YES, NEXT ..
HE KEPT RUNNING AROUND WITHOUT REST IN ORDER TO TRAIN THE GARRISON MEMBERS.
INSTRUCTOR ISHIKAWA STARTED PUTTING TOGETHER HIS "SECURITY GARRISON."
THOSE WHO ARE NOW THE SQUAD LEADERS COOPERATED AND HELPED THE INSTRUCTOR.

AND ONLY ISHIKAWA'S DRIVE MADE ANY PROGRESS.
TRAINING THE GARRISON WASN'T AN EASY TASK,
NISHIWAKI WAS SUPPORTING HARUKA, THEN.
BUT THE BAD RUMORS WERE STILL GOING ROUND.
WELL, HE'S OFTEN JESTING WITH THE MEN NOW, BUT WHEN HE BECAME THE INSTRUCTOR HE WASN'T COMFORTABLE LAUGHING.
ONE DAY...
HE REALIZED IT HIMSELF.
BUT YOU KNOW HOW HE IS, RIGHT? EVEN IF SOMETHING'S TROUBLING HIM, HE KEEPS IT ALL INSIDE.
OF COURSE, HE WAS ALWAYS HIS CHEERY AND CASUAL SELF IN FRONT OF EVERYONE.

THEN, IN FRONT OF THE GARRISON DURING THE MORNING ASSEMBLY...
IT'S THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT THAT I COULD GO SO FAR. I'LL BE RELYING ON YOU FROM NOW ON, TOO.
THANK YOU.
I BELIEVE IN YOU ALL.
SO PLEASE BELIEVE IN ME, TOO.

WE WERE SURPRISED... HE ALMOST NEVER SHOWED US A NATURAL SMILE.
Right, Nishiwaki?
YEAH, THERE WERE EVEN SOME MEN WHO HAD NEVER SEEN HIM SMILE AT ALL.
OUR FATIGUE DISAP-PEARED WITH IT.

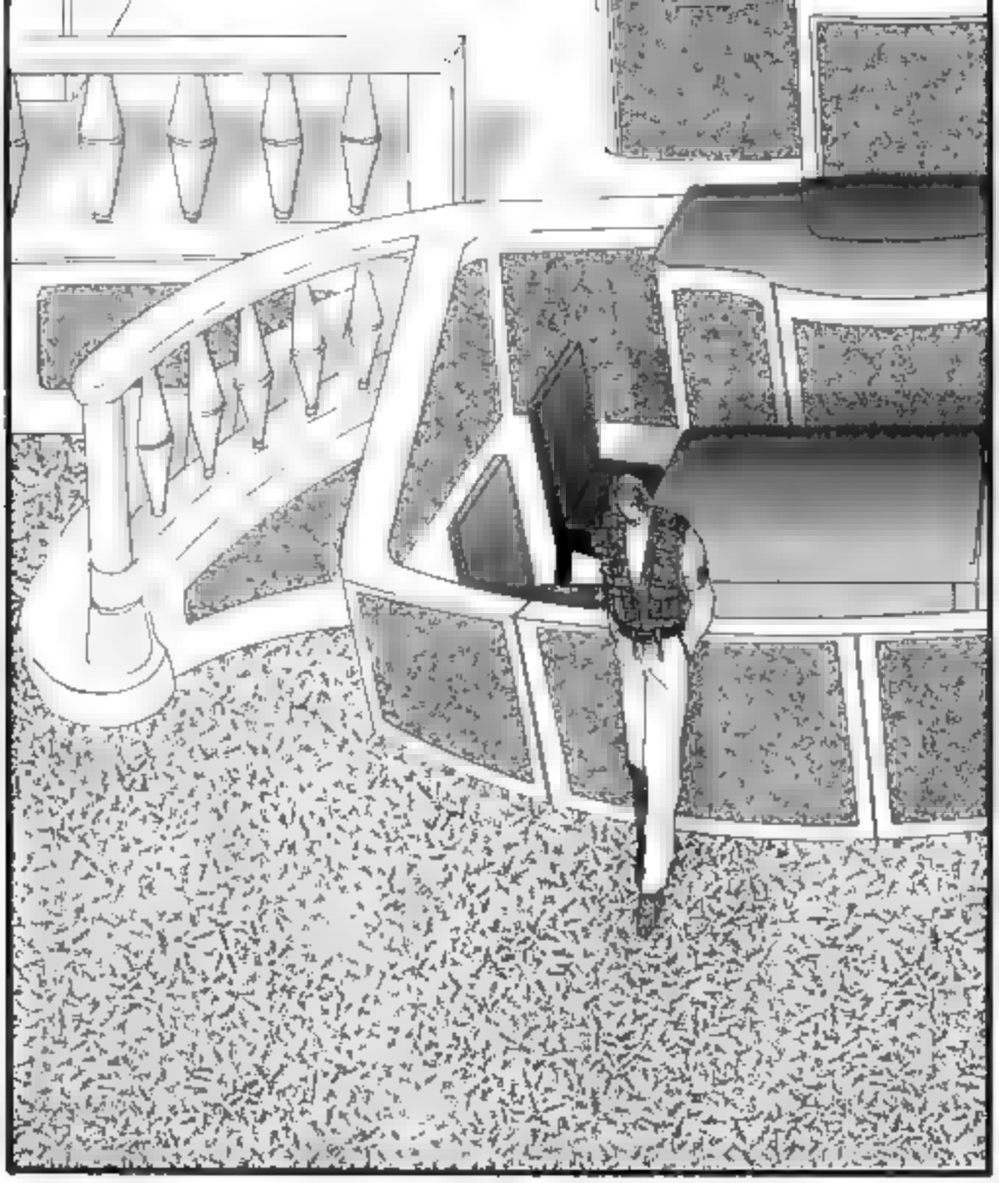
AND THE STRANGE THING IS THAT FROM THAT POINT ON, THERE WERE NO MORE BAD RUMORS ABOUT INSTRUCTOR ISHIKAWA.
HARUKA
BUT IT TOOK EVEN LONGER BEFORE HE WOULD LAUGH MORE OFTEN.
BY THAT TIME, ISHIKAWA HAD BEEN INSTRUC-TOR FOR MORE THAN 9 MONTHS ...

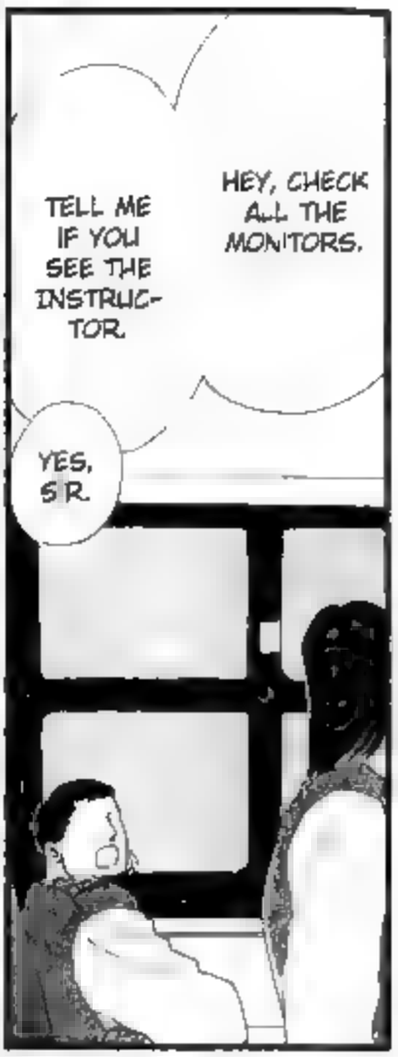
I WAS SURPRISED TO SEE THE OLD ISHIKAWA WHEN YOU CAME TO LA.
AND TO KNOW YOU CAUSED IT ...

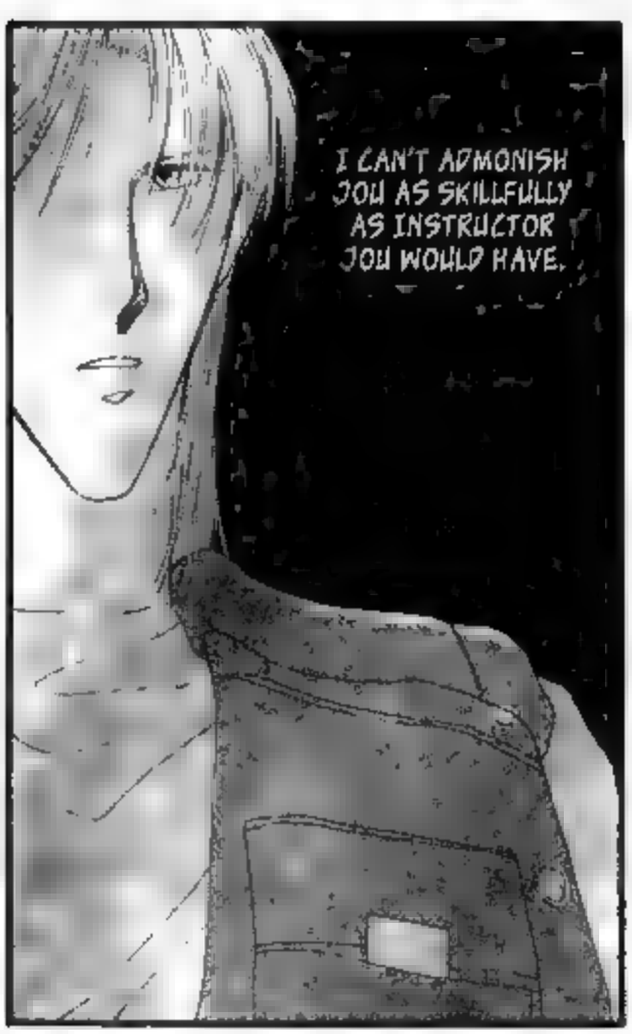
SORRY ALEC, I'LL GET GOING NOW.
TRUE ENOUGH.
DON'T FIGHT WITH HIM, YOU HEAR!
YOU LUCKY BAS-TARD!
Jump
That's right, that's right

I WON'T LET HIM SUFFER ALONE
EVEN IF HE SAYS IT'S NOT MY BUSINESS, I CAN'T PULL BACK ANY MORE.
HARUKA.
I'M REALLY... SUCH A BIG IDIOT, TO GO SULKING AFTER HEARING HIM SAY THAT
DID HE ALREADY GO TO BED?
blink
Disappointed
click
AND I WANTED TO GIVE HIM A HUG AND KISS

I couldn't sleep, I'm going to check on the night shift. You can go to sleep first
Sorry for earlier
HARUKA?
Blink
Yawn
Pull yourself together!
On night duty
WHAT IS IT, IWASE? YOU'RE NOT ASLEEP YET?
EH? THE INSTRUCTOR? GOT IT, WAIT FOR A SEC.



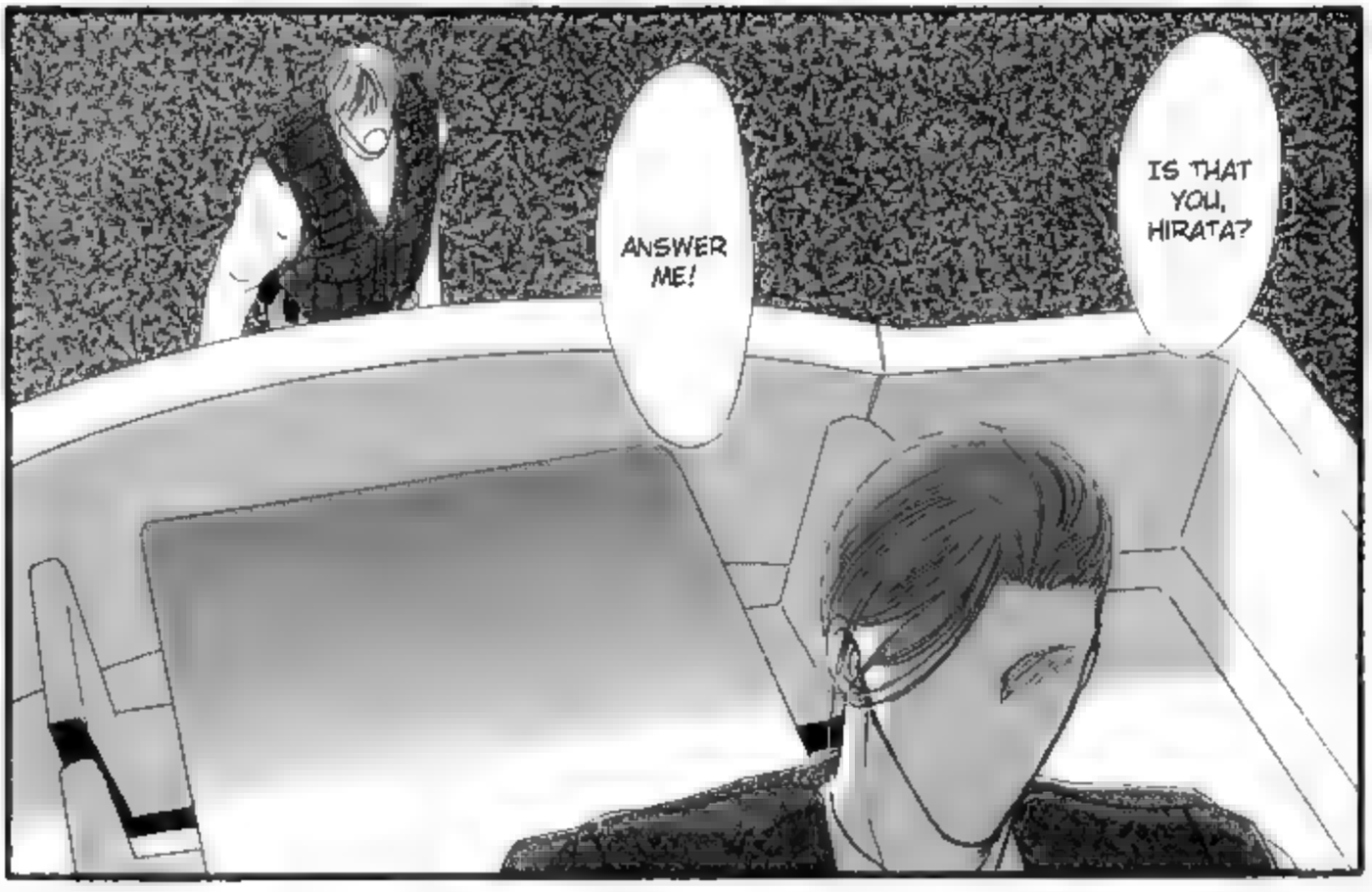

HEY, CHECK ALL THE MONITORS.
TELL ME IF YOU SEE THE INSTRUC-TOR.
YES, SIR.


I CAN'T ADMONISH JOU AS SKILLFULLY AS INSTRUCTOR JOU WOULD HAVE.

INSTRUCTOR JOU TAUGHT ME TO BE..EVE IN PEOPLE NO MATTER WHAT

IWASE, WE FOUND HIM. HE'S IN THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE ROOM IN THE EASTERN BUILDING.
ROGER. THANK YOU.
HE'S NOT WEARING HIS RADIO.
PLEASE STAY PUT UNTIL I GET THERE!
Clack
HOW WILL I EVER MAKE H.M ACKNOWL-EDGE THE GARRISON?

IS SOME-ONE THERE?
Dash
HEY, WAIT.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE?


IS THAT YOU, HIRATA?
ANSWER ME!

chunk
(SFX: SLAM)

CLATTER
Thud
IWASE!
Wham
WHAT WERE YOU PLANNING!?
yank
UH... AHH!
WAIT!

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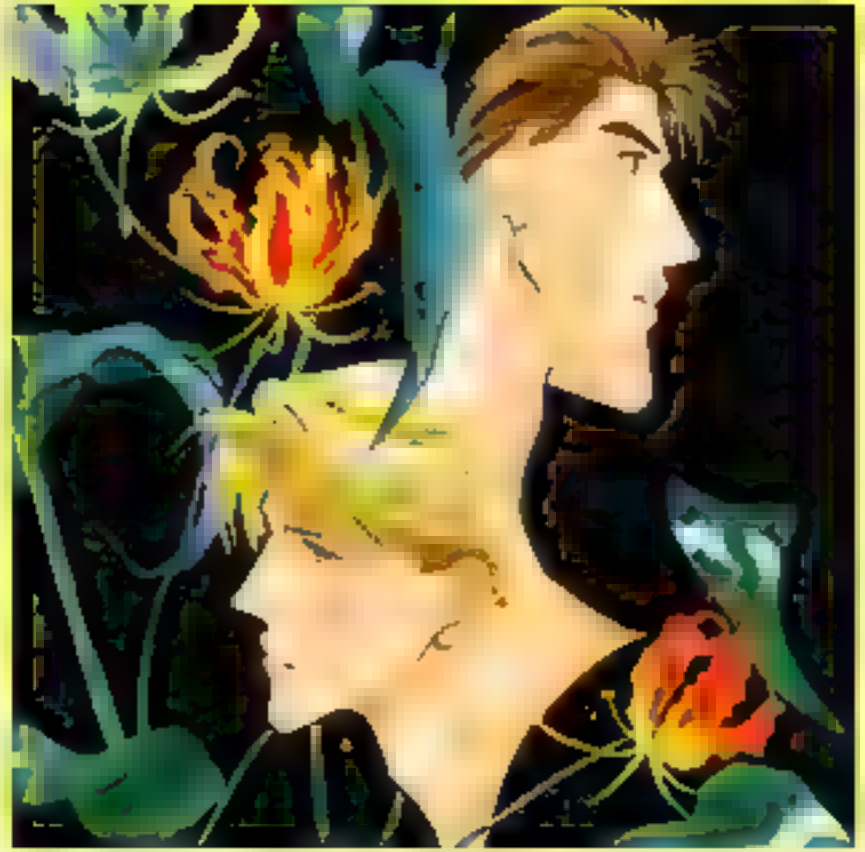

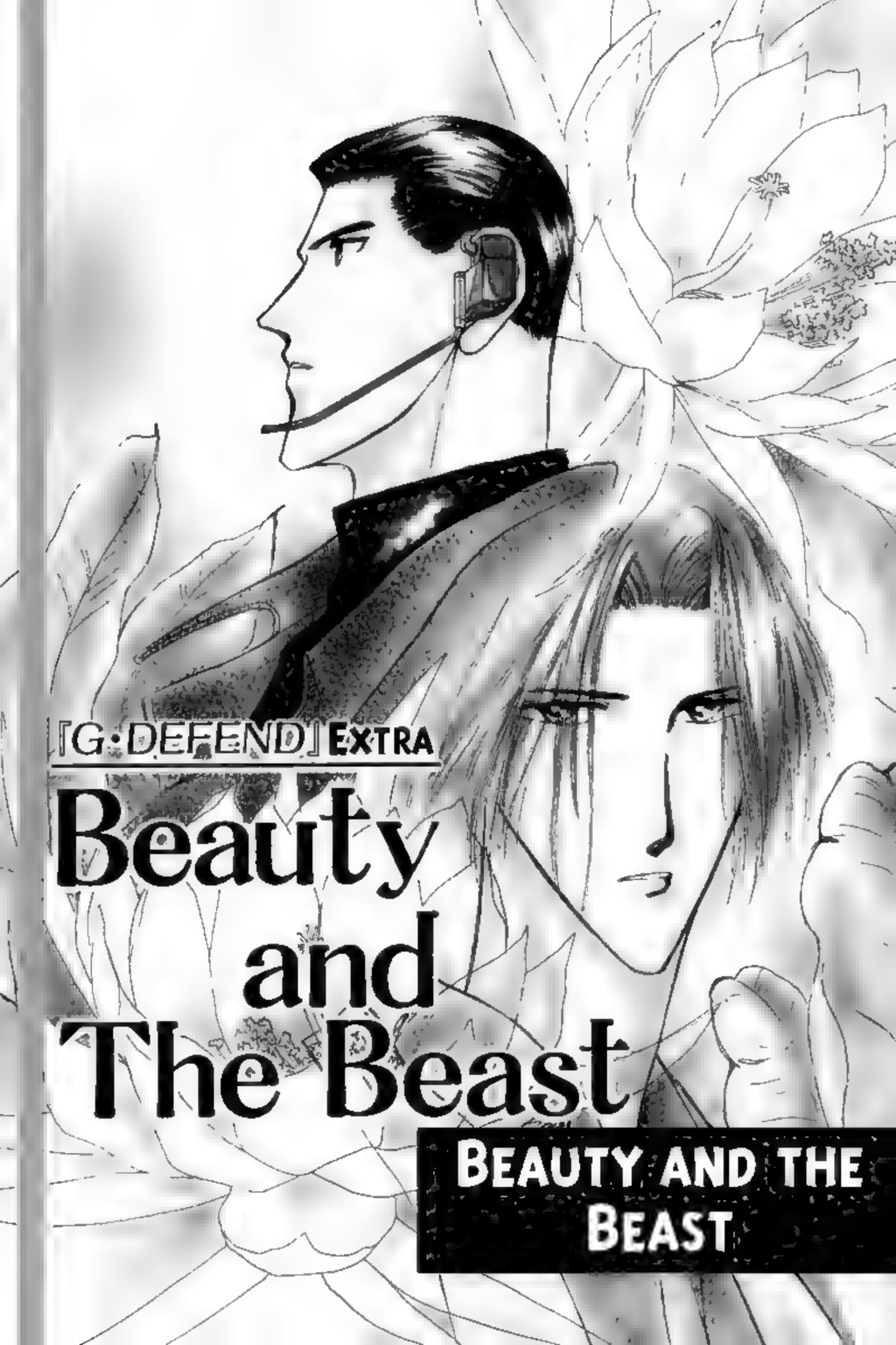

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Beauty and The Beast

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YEAR 2022, CONGRESS BUILDING
THE MEN FROM THE DIET GARRISON LOVE THEIR JOB AND PERFORM IT WITH GOOD SPIRITS
IS DR HASHIZUME'S JOB
HUNTING DOWN THESE MEN IN ORDER TO TREAT THEM..
THAT'S WHY THEY STILL WORK EVEN WHEN THEY FALL ILL.
Tap
Tap
Tap

HE'S THE MOST FRIGHTENING MAN ALIVE FOR THOSE WHO DISLIKE DOCTORS.
AND TODAY, HE'S BUSY PATROLLING AROUND THE BUILDINGS ONCE AGAIN
ON FINDING A PATIENT, AND WITHOUT ANY CONSIDERATION FOR HIS PROTESTS,
YOU DON'T LOOK WELL.
N... NO, I'M FEELING FINE.
Already moving
HE'LL TAKE HIM FOR AN INJECTION, TREATMENT, OR BED REST.

WITH NO EXCEPTIONS BASED ON RANK
I saw you yawning during the morning assembly. are you sleeping enough, instructor?
THE CAUSE
...I...I am!
EVEN THOUGH HE APPEARS TO BE A FRAIL AND EPHEMERAL BEAUTY WHEN HE DOESN'T TALK, HE'S TWICE AS STRONG AND HEALTHY AS ANYONE...
AND ONLY ONE MAN SAW THROUGH HIM AT FIRST SIGHT
THE GAP BETWEEN YOUR LOOKS AND PERSONALITY IS QUITE STRIKING

THE FIRST TIME HE HEARD THE VOICE OF THE MAN CALLED N SHIWAKI.
THOSE ARE THE FIRST WORDS THEY EXCHANGED.

NISHI-WAKI!
HE IS NOW THE ONLY PERSON THE DOCTOR CAN'T DEFEAT.
YO, DOCTOR.
DIDN'T YOU PROMISE ME YOU'D COME HAVE YOUR CHECK-UP?
TAP
TAP
TAP
DID I?
YES, YOU DID.
WELL, I FORGOT.
.....

AND HERE'S ANOTHER RITUAL.
HAVE I EVER GOTTEN SICK?

YOUR TYPE OF CONSTITUTION IS THE MOST LIKELY TO SUDDENLY BREAK DOWN.

ONCE EVERY 6 MONTHS IS ENOUGH FOR ME.
THE RULE IS ONCE EVERY MONTH, ESPECIALLY FOR PEOPLE AS DAMN BUSY AS YOU!

REALLY...
...WHAT?
Hehe

IF... IF I DIDN'T LOOK AFTER THE GARRISON MEN, WHO WOULD?
YOU DO LIKE TO TAKE CARE OF US.
Ha ha
TRUE ENOUGH.
YOU'D LIKE THAT, NISHIWAKI, WOULDN'T YOU?
IF YOU WERE TO COLLAPSE, IT WOULD BE BAD FOR THE GARRISON.
BUT DON'T JUST TAKE CARE OF US, YOU HAVE TO WATCH OUT FOR YOUR OWN HEALTH.

THAT WOULD BOTHER ME
Huh?
SINCE I'M TWICE AS BAD AS ANYONE ELSE AT CARING FOR MY OWN HEALTH,
I'D WIND UP DEAD SOON IF YOU WEREN'T THERE.
I... I DON'T PLAN ON CHECKING ON YOU FOR THAT LONG!
Flutter
THAT'S TOO BAD.
I'LL HAVE A SHORT LIFE, THEN.

NISHI-
WAKI .
MY CHEST
HURT, JUST
NOW
I WISH HE
WOULDN'T
SPEAK SO
LIGHTLY OF
HAVING A
SHORT LIFE
AH.
HE ALWAYS
MANAGES TO
SHUT ME UP
WITH HIS
ELOQUENCE
HE RAN
AWAY!!

MEDICAL ROOM /A
ALR.GHT, TOMORROW I'LL GET H.M!
Glug
Glug
Tink
creak

WHY IS HE THE ONLY ONE I HAVEN'T MANAGED TO DRAG IN HERE?
I'VE BEEN CHASING HIM FOR SOME TIME NOW.
CONTRARY TO WHAT IT MAY LOOK LIKE, I CAN BE A COWARD WHEN FACED WITH SOME THINGS.
I'LL TAKE A LITTLE REST AND THEN DO SOME DESKWORK.
MMM...

I CAN'T TAKE IT THAT ANOTHER PERSON COULD KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT ME THAT I DON'T.
I'M TOO SCARED THAT IT WOULD REVEAL SOMETHING BAD.
A CHECK-UP?
IS THAT WHY YOU HATE DOCTORS?
YES, IT IS.

I'D TELL YOU RIGHT AWAY.
REALLY? YOU WOULDN'T HIDE ANYTHING FROM ME?
I WOULD-N'T.
THEN I WON'T EITHER.
HUH?
IF YOU DON'T HIDE ANYTHING FROM ME, I WON'T HIDE ANYTHING FROM YOU, EITHER.
BUT IF YOU EVER CONCEAL ANYTHING, I'LL DO THE SAME.
AND I CAN DETECT SECRETS VERY EASILY.

DOCTOR.

HAS YOUR HAIR GROWN AGAIN?
IT'S GROWING ALL OVER THE PLACE, SO I'M GOING TO CUT IT.
HMM. BUT IT'S SUCH A WASTE.
?
HE CERTAINLY IS VERY GOOD AT JUDGING PEOPLE AND ANALYZING THEM

HE'S ALWAYS SO COMPOSED THE ONLY TIME I'VE SEEN HIS FACE CHANGE COLOR.
Tink

I'LL NEVER BE THE ONLY ONE ON HIS MIND
I KNOW ...
IS WHEN HE'S ARGUING WITH THE INSTRUCTOR
Ah!!
I HAVE TO HIDE THEM AT ALL COSTS!!
Let's do some work
THOSE THOUGHTS 'AGAIN
click
click

I CAN'T LET HIM KNOW
IF IT CAME OUT
I'D HAVE TO LEAVE THIS PLACE.
RELATIONSHIPS ARE FORBIDDEN WITHIN THE GARRISON.
AND I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SEE YOU ANYMORE
THAT'S WHY
I HAVE TO BURY THOSE FEELINGS DEEP WITHIN ME

BECAUSE THERE'S NO WAY THEY COULD BE FULFILLED
Achoo
Achoo
YOU CAUGHT A COLD?
N... NO.
GOOD TIMING, THOUGH, HERE COMES THE DOCTOR.
EH? YOU'RE JOKING, RIGHT? NISHI...
NISHIWAKI!

Stalk Stalk
YOU'RE FIRED UP TODAY, AS USUAL.
I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY THIS TIME!!
YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL WHEN YOU'RE ANGRY.
STOP PLAYING WITH ME!
I JUST NEED TO SEE YOU TO FEEL BETTER.
GRAB

DOCTOR.
LET'S GO.
UGH.
IMMOVABLE
YOU'RE NOT REALLY STRONG.
NO, YOU'RE TOO STRONG!
IF YOU CAN MAKE ME MOVE, I'LL GO.
NISHI-WAKI.
IT'S SUCH A NICE RITUAL
IT REALLY FEELS PEACE-FUL.

BUT ISN'T THE DOCTOR ALWAYS GETTING MAD AT NISHIWAKI?
YOU THINK?
NISHIWAKI AND HASHIZUME REALLY GET ALONG WELL, DON'T YOU THINK?
THE DOCTOR ISN'T VERY GOOD AT EXPRESSING HIS FEELINGS, EITHER.

EITHER?
ARE YOU REFERRING TO ME?
slam
Another Ritual
"Ah"
BUT DURING THOSE TIMES, YOUR EMOTIONS APPEAR REALLY CLEARLY ON YOUR FACE...
SORRY, DOCTOR, BUT I CAN'T LEAVE MY WORK NOW.
YOU'RE STILL USING THAT EXCUSE?
He's still trying
Tug
Tug

IT'S THE TRUTH.
TH... THEN SAY THAT UP FRONT!
BUT DOCTOR ...
I'M PRETTY BUSY, SORRY.
BUT IT'S LIKE BEING ASKED TO GO ON A WALK BY A CUTE PET. IT'S SO FUNNY.

UNTIL NOW, ...
WERE YOU REALLY PULLING WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH?
AH...
NO, EVEN NOW,
I'VE NEVER SERIOUSLY TRIED TO DRAG YOU OFF...

SO THAT I COULD KEEP ON CHASING YOU.
DOCTOR?
Ah.!0
INSTEAD, AND I'M SORRY TO ASK YOU,
HE. HE'S SEEN THROUGH IT
BUT THERE'S A PATIENT FOR YOU BEHIND YOU. COULD YOU TAKE HIM?
YES, I'LL LOOK FORWARD TO IT.
I'LL BE BACK.
Gya'
I THINK IT'S TIME FOR MY SHIFT.
OPEN YOUR MOUTH WIDE.
However you look at it it's a cold!
Eek!
DOCTOR, I'M ALRIGHT!

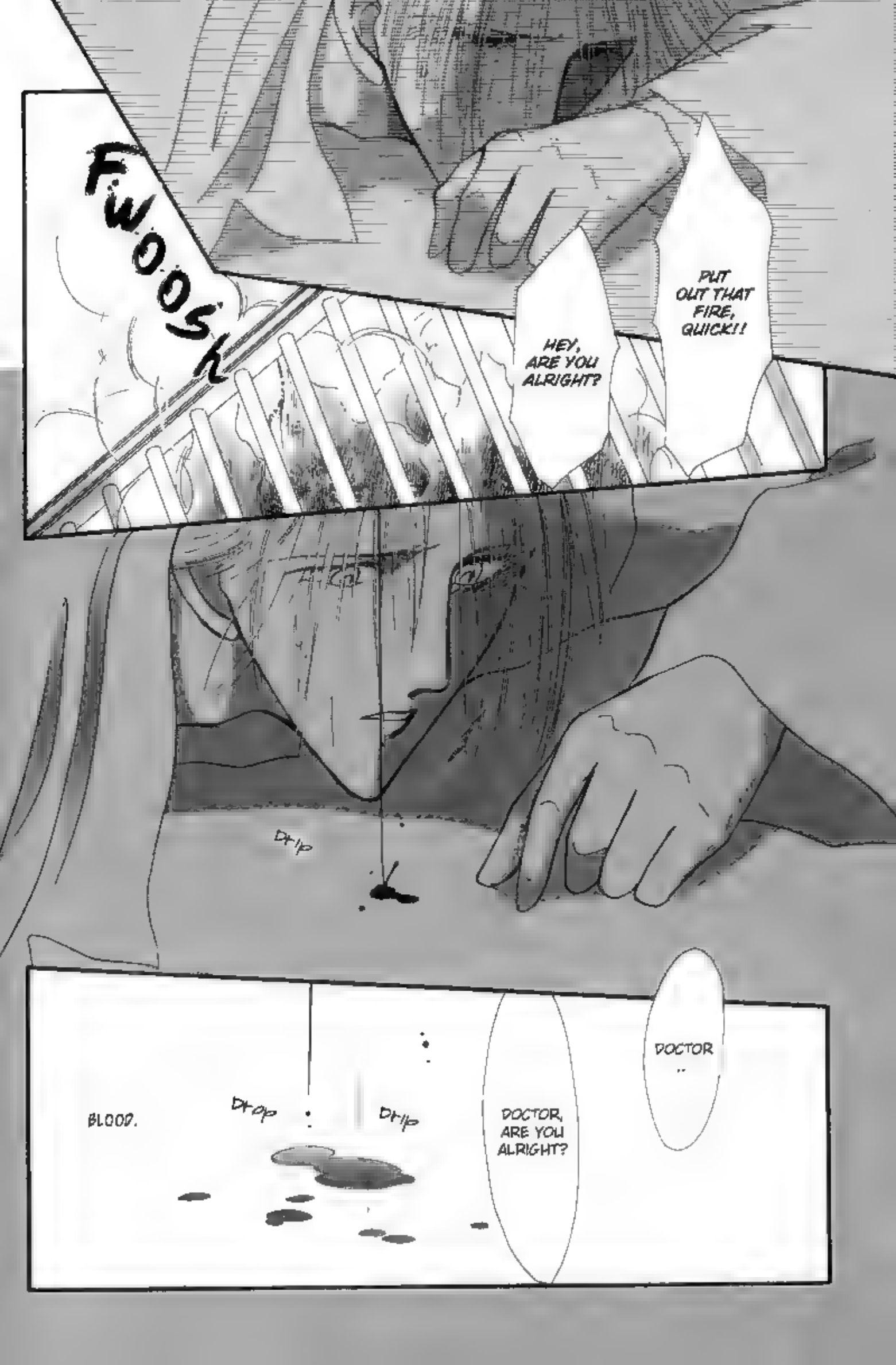
I ALREADY DID.
THIS MAN NEEDS TO REST TODAY, CALL A REPLACEMENT FOR HIM!
I KNEW YOU WERE STRONG.
Ah!

I'LL LEAVE HIM TO YOU.

I caught a chill after my bath
Do you know the cause?
Sniff
HOW LONG WILL I BE ABLE TO CHASE AFTER YOU?
THAT TRUCK IS ACTING STRANGELY
Roarrr
NISHI-WAKI?
IT'S GOING TO CRASH!!

ROAR
DOCTOR!!
<SFX: BOOM>

WE'RE ON THE WAY.


FWOOSH
HEY, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
PUT OUT THAT FIRE, QUICK!!
Drip
BLOOD.
Drop
Drip
DOCTOR, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
DOCTOR ..

YOU'RE OKAY, RIGHT?
WHY
NISHIWA ...

DOCTOR.
WHY DID HE SHIELD ME...!!
NISHI-WAKI!
I'M ALRIGHT, DOCTOR.
I... I'M A GARRISON MEMBER, TOO.
RIP
Tug

EVEN I KNOW HOW TO PROTECT MYSELF.
WHY DIDN'T YOU RUN AWAY?
YOU'RE MUCH THINNER THAN YOU LOOK.
NISHIWAKI, HERE'S THE STRETCHER.
I DON'T NEED IT.
CLIMB ON IT!
... OKAY.
WHAT

HM?
NO, I'M...
...YES, PLEASE.
WE'LL EXAMINE YOU ALL THE SAME. COME WITH ME.
YES, I'M ALRIGHT.
CAN YOU STAND UP?
NISHIWAKI WILL BE ALRIGHT. IT'S NOT AS SERIOUS AS IT LOOKS.
IT HAPPENED BECAUSE HE WAS DRIVING DRUNK.
401
Nishiwaki
THE TRUCK DRIVER DIED.
THE MOST DANGEROUS INJURIES ARE THOSE YOU CAN'T SEE.
OKAY.

YEAH, YEAH.
I'LL COME BY AGAIN, AND IF YOU'RE NOT HERE, I'LL TIE YOU UP TO YOUR BED.
Swish
And in here!!
YOU'LL STAY PUT FOR THE WHOLE DAY TODAY.
YOU'LL FIND IT EXCESSIVE, BUT IT'LL TAKE 2 WEEKS TO COMPLETELY HEAL.
THE OTHER 4 JUST HAVE MINOR INJURIES.
MOTOKI WAS HIT BY FRAGMENTS FROM THE TRUCK. THEY BROKE SOME BONES IN HIS LEFT ARM.
ALRIGHT.
YOU SHOULD HOLD OFF ON CHECK-UPS FOR TODAY.
You're awake?
See, I told you. You should have stayed and rested in the room
It's okay. I can head out on my own.
HOW ARE THE OTHER MEN FARING?
YO, DOCTOR.

I ALWAYS KNOW RIGHT AWAY WHEN YOU'RE HIDING SOMETHING.
I WASN'T HURT ANYWHERE ...
AND YOU, DOCTOR?
THERE'S ONLY THIS, AND IT'S JUST SCRATCHES.
SORRY I COULDN'T HAVE THE CHECK-UP TODAY.

BUT LISTEN TO WHAT DOCTOR SAKAI AND THE INSTRUCTOR TELL YOU.
MY, CHEST HURTS SO MUCH, IT FEELS LIKE IT'S TEARING MY WHOLE BODY APART
IT'S ALRIGHT.
YOU STILL HAVEN'T EXPLAINED WHY YOU SHIELDED ME.
THEN, DOCTOR ...
WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS WORRYING ABOUT ME?

THAT'S...
BECAUSE YOU'RE ESSENTIAL TO THIS GARRISON.
IT'S NOT TRUE...
I'M THE ONE WHO NEEDS YOU...
I PROTECTED YOU FOR THE SAME REASON.

I...

I KEPT CHASING AFTER HIM EVEN THOUGH I ALREADY KNEW HE ONLY SAW ME AS A DOCTOR, DIDN'T I?
I ALREADY KNEW...
WHAT WAS I HOPING FOR?
SORRY YOU HAD TO GET INJURED ON MY BEHALF.
DOCTOR?
MY VOICE DOESN'T SOUND RIGHT.
Tap
Tap
Tap
Tap
WHAT'S MY EXPRESSION LIKE RIGHT NOW?
IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME.
TAKE CARE.

MEDICAL ROOM
I WAS JUST FLATTERING MYSELF,
THINKING THAT MAYBE I WAS SOMEONE SPECIAL TO HIM.
I WAS ALWAYS ATTRACTED TO H.M. .
AND... CHAS.NG AFTER HIS HEART
CHASING,
AND CHAS.NG

AND MY FEELINGS ARE BROKEN NOW.
2F
04
YOU'RE ALREADY HEALED, NISHIWAKI?
IF I REST FOR TWO MORE DAYS, MY MUSCLES WILL ROT.
Fine
And how are your injuries, Kegami?
YOU'RE QUITE AMUSED BY THIS, AREN'T YOU?
THE DOCTOR WAS HEADING TOWARDS THE CANTEEN JUST NOW.
Ahahaha

NISHIWAKI, THERE'S AN EMPTY SEAT HERE.
DOCTOR! NISHIWAKI'S HERE!
Really?
Oh, that looks good on you.
HOW'S YOUR INJURY?
SORRY FOR WORRYING YOU.
IT'S A LITTLE PAINFUL WHEN I LIFT MY LEFT ARM.
MY HEAD'S MOSTLY ...
I CAN'T
later

Thank you for the meal.
DON'T PUSH YOURSELF.
.....
DID HE FINALLY GIVE UP ON YOU?
A FEW DAYS LATER
I'M TELLING YOU, I SAW IT! THE DOCTOR BRUSHED NISHIWAKI OFF!!
THE RUMORS WERE TRUE.
THEN WHAT IS IT?
MAYBE HE FINALLY HAD HIS CHECK-UP.
NO, HE DIDN'T! I CHECKED WITH THE MEDICAL SQUAD.

Sorry!
We're working!
dash
AAAAAA
Swish
BUT HE IS GOING OVERBOARD TO AVOID ME
jing
B1

I DON'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO CHASE AFTER HIM NOW.
I CAN'T DO IT ANYMORE.
DOCTOR.
Tap
.....

HE'S BEING COMPLETELY PUSHED AROUND.
IT'S TOUGH ON THE DOCTOR.
He passed by without noticing the sick men
ISHIKAWA, HAVE YOU NOTICED THAT THE DOCTOR'S ACTING STRANGELY?
YEAH... SOMETHING MUST BE TROUBLING HIM.
THOUGH, I PERSONALLY WOULDN'T MIND THAT
HE'S THINKING SOMETHING WEIRD AGAIN
Hey hey
I DON'T CARE IF HE DOES.
THIS WAY, HE MAY SURPRISE US AND COME HAVE HIS CHECK-UP.
I DON'T KNOW HIM ANYMORE.
BAM!
I... I JUST STOPPED PESTERING HIM.
DID YOU TWO HAVE A FIGHT?
IS IT NISHIWAKI'S DAY OFF TODAY?
I WONDER WHAT A GUY LIKE HIM DOES ON HIS DAYS OFF.
Dump

SO TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM.
BUT I THINK THAT IF HE HADN'T PROTECTED YOU THEN, YOU WOULD HAVE ENDED UP MORE INJURED THAN HE WAS.
ISN'T TODAY... YOUR DAY OFF?

I... DON'T SEE ANY DIFFERENCE.
DON'T YOU THINK I LOOK YOUNGER IN THESE CLOTHES?
I WANTED TO TALK WITH YOU, DOCTOR.
DOCTOR!
HE'S GIVING OFF A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT VIBE THAN USUAL..
THAT STARTLED ME...
WAIT, WHY ARE YOU AVOIDING ME?

I'M NOT ...
THEN LET'S TALK.
WHAT ..?
THIS ISN'T THE N.SHIWAK. I KNOW
I'VE GOT NOTHING TO SAY TO YOU.
OF COURSE YOU DO! ALL THE THINGS YOU'RE HIDING FROM ME!
clatter
ARE THEY THE REASON WHY YOU STOPPED CHASING ME?
Dr!!
Yank

DOES HE KNOW...?
ALL THE FEELINGS I'VE HIDDEN DEEP INSIDE ME
HAS HE KNOWN THEM THIS WHOLE TIME?
SFX FWOOSH!
Thud

WHAT WOULD HE DO IF I TOLD HIM!?
YOU'RE QUITE A FAST RUNNER, DOCTOR.
THUD
BUT...
DON'T MOVE.
I'LL USE THE EMER-GENCY BUTTON..
IS THERE AN ATTACK?
IT STOPPED ...?

UNTIL NOW,
I KEPT RUNNING AWAY SO THAT YOU'D KEEP ON CHASING AFTER ME.
BUT IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO COME AFTER ME ANYMORE, I'LL BE THE ONE DOING THE CHASING FROM NOW ON
BECAUSE I'M A COWARD, I KEPT RUNNING AWAY TO KEEP YOUR ATTENTION ON ME.

NISHIWAKI?
I DIDN'T INTEND TO TELL YOU UNTIL YOU'D SAID IT YOURSELF.
BECAUSE I'M A COWARD, I WAS SCARED OF BEING WRONG.
IT CAN'T BE THIS IS'
DOCTOR... TRUTH IS ...

SUCH A THING.
NISHIWAKI, THE REAL COWARD HERE—
THE REASON WHY I SAVED YOU THAT DAY...
IS... ME.
I'M THE ONE... WHO KEPT RUNNING AWAY OUT OF WEAKNESS.
I CAN'T HIDE IT ANY LONGER...!

I NEVER SERIOUSLY TRIED TO TAKE YOU IN.
I WANTED TO KEEP CHASING AFTER YOU.
BECAUSE IT GAVE ME AN EXCUSE TO SEE YOU EVERY DAY.
THAT'S WHAT I HOPED! I'M A FAILURE... AS A DOCTOR AND AS A HUMAN BEING!!
I WAS ALWAYS HOPING... THAT YOU WOULDN'T COME...

THE REASON WHY YOU WERE WORRIED?
THE REASON WHY I WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU...

IT'S THE SAME REASON WHY... I SAVED YOU.
DOCTOR HASHIZUME,
LET'S STAY TOGETHER FOREVER.
THEN DON'T... DON'T EVER SAY YOU'LL HAVE A SHORT LIFE... EVER AGAIN...
I WON'T.
I WON'T SAY IT AGAIN.

I CHASED AFTER HIM,
HE CHASED AFTER ME AND FINALLY
I CAUGHT HIM

I'LL... START CHASING AFTER YOU AGAIN TOMORROW.
Ahahaha
AND THUS... THE RITUAL WAS ONCE AGAIN ALIVE AND WELL.
NISHI-WAKI!

YO, DOCTOR. WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE WHILE WE TALK?
SOUNDS LIKE HE WORKED UP SOME STRENGTH.
The doctor
MAYBE HE WAS SICK, AND NOW HE'S COMPLETELY RECOVERED.
SOUNDS GOOD.
I CAN STILL HARDLY BELIEVE IT
THE ONE I LONGED FOR AND GAVE UP ON IS NOW BY MY SIDE
NISHIWAKI...

AND HE TOLD ME TO STAY BY HIS SIDE FOREVER
WHY DID THEY FORBID RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THE GARRISON?
BECAUSE THIS JOB IS BASED ON TEAMWORK, THOSE INVOLVED IN LOVE AFFAIRS CAN EASILY AFFECT IT.
I'M NOT SAYING THEY SHOULDN'T.
BUT IF IT HAS TO HAVE THAT MUCH OF AN IMPACT ON THEIR WORK, THEY'D BETTER LEAVE. FOR THEIR SAKE.
AND FOR THEIR PARTNER'S, TOO.
AND THEY MAY THROW AWAY THEIR LIVES.

fwsh
"IF YOU'RE INVOLVED IN A LOVE AFFAIR, YOU'LL BE PLAYING WITH DEATH."
THAT RULE IS MORE OF A WARNING.
YOU'RE PRETTY INTENSE ABOUT IT.
AND THAT IS...
WELL, THERE'S ONE MORE THING.
IN YOUR CASE.
IF THERE WEREN'T THAT RULE, THE COMPETITION WOULD HAVE BEEN SEVERE...

WHAT COMPETI-TION?
YOU'RE PRETTY POPULAR BEHIND THE SCENES.
M... ME?
HAVE YOU LOOKED IN A MIRROR RECENTLY?
LOOKS LIKE...
HE WAS THINKING OF ME MORE THAN I WAS THINKING OF HIM.
◆Beauty and The Beast / End◆

G-DEFEND
EXTRA
HEY, DOC-TOR!!
Weren't you off duty today?
YOU'VE CHANGED YOUR LOOK!
YOU LOOK MANLIER, SOMEHOW.
YOU CUT YOUR HAIR.
IT SUITS YOU.
THA-NKS.
INSTRUC-TOR!
WE'VE GOT A COMMUN-CATION FROM ...A....
WHAT IS IT?
...

WHO ARE YOU?
NISHI-WAKI?
TWIST
OUTSIDERS AREN'T ALLOWED TO TRESPASS.
Here.
!
SHIMA!
...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
I see
I THOUGHT I WAS SUPPOSED TO SHOW YOU AROUND, AND THEN YOU SUDDENLY DISAPPEAR!
AH! DOCTOR
chatter
Cr-sp
AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING WEARING MY LAB COAT?

EEHH!
TWINS!?
A WOMAN!?
YOU HAD A TWIN SISTER, DOCTOR?
DIDN'T I TELL YOU?
Eh?
Thank you for taking care of my little brother
NICE TO MEET YOU.
THIS IS... MY OLDER TWIN SISTER.
Nice to meet you too
He knew
Oh!
Tap Tap Tap
DR. ..?
Iwase
SORRY.

NISHI-WAKI!
YOU SIBLINGS HAVE A GOOD EYE FOR PEOPLE FOR SURE.
Shino!
YOU FOUND A GOOD MAN!
WHATEVER HAPPENS, NISHIWAKI KNOWS HOW TO SWIM WITH THE CURRENT
DEFINITELY! THERE ARE THINGS I WANT TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT.
HOW ABOUT THE 3 OF US HAVE DINNER TOGETHER TODAY

Sorry
FOR ALL THE FUSS.
I DIDN'T KNOW EITHER.
It's true we barely talk about our families

SHI... SHIMA.
SHINO OFTEN TALKS ABOUT YOU, SO I WAS WONDERING WHAT SORT OF MAN YOU WERE.
NO ONE'S MANAGED TO TELL US APART AT FIRST GLANCE BEFORE.
I LIKE YOU, NISHIWAKI!

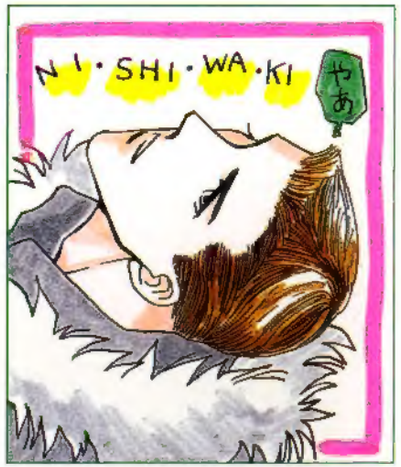
This is their style.
/G・DEFEND:EXTRA/
L.A.'S SP TRAINING CENTER
MARTY?
I understand.
YOU MUST FEEL LONELY.
IT'S TRUE THAT ALEC TOOK YOU UNDER HIS WING.
WASN'T THAT ALEC'S VOICE?
No.
IT WASN'T.
ALEC'S ON DUTY IN JAPAN RIGHT NOW. ARE YOU HALLUCINATING?
SHK
(SFX HMPH)

WHY
WHY...
ALEC...
WHY HAVEN'T I HEARD A WORD FROM YOU SINCE YOU WENT TO JAPAN?
EVEN THOUGH WE TALKED EVERY DAY WHEN YOU WERE HERE
WHAT?
Why is he mad?
NO NEED TO GET ANGRY.
MARTY
HEY, ..
MARTY, LET'S GO OUT TONIGHT.
WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY?
HE KEPT SAYING THINGS TO LEAD ME ON
IT'S NOT LIKE HE TOLD ME HE LOVED ME, BUT
AH, MARTY, YOU'RE SO CUTE TODAY, AS USUAL.

I'LL BE LONELY WITHOUT YOU.
I'll go ahead.
I'M GOING TO MAKE A CALL.
IT'S ALREADY BEEN A MONTH, RIGHT!?
TO BE THE ONLY ONE FEELING DOWN...
WHAT AN IDIOT I AM...
TELEPHONE
SWISH
YOU'RE NOT FEELING LONELY AT ALL!
I'M THE ONLY ONE FEELING THAT WAY!!
FUMP
I'LL JUST CALL HIM AN IDIOT AND HANG UP.
CLICK

Creak
JUST LIKE IWASE, EVERY TIME I FIND A PERSON IMPORTANT TO ME...
IN THE END... YOU'RE LEAVING ME BEHIND, TOO.
Click
...
I GIVE UP.
IF I SEE ALEC'S FACE, I COULD SAY SOMETHING HORRIBLE.
I COULD END UP CONFESSING MY FEELINGS.
Beep
IF I DID, IT WOULD ...

Ah
I HEARD YOU WERE MAKING A CALL FROM HERE, SO I WAS WAITING.
I HAD A SUDDEN BUSINESS TRIP HERE, SO I CAME TO SEE YOU FIRST THING. I'LL GO SAY HI TO HUGHS LATER...
MARTY?
Hey,
IS THAT REALLY YOU?
...
WEREN'T YOU HAPPY TO SEE ME GONE?
Have you forgotten, maybe?
WHAT? WHAT DID I DO?
Owww!
IDIOT.
I'LL FORCE YOU TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAKING ME LOVE YOU SO MUCH!
◆ THIS IS THEIR STYLE / END ◆



●私はよくキャラの名前を俳優からとってつけますが、その理由は読者が覚えやすいだろうと思ったからです。橋爪はイメージと合わないけどどうせ端役だからと思ってつけた名前ですが…。石川だって「ルOン三世」からつけたんですよ。ま…定着したからいいか。

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